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IRONY OF FATE.

RECAPTURE OF LOCAL GAOL-BREAKERS.

VICTIMS OF SENSE OF HUMOUR

A sensational escape was made from Victoria Gaol on November 10th of last year, by four convicts who were serving long terms of imprisonment, in one case for armed robbery. In spite of a rigid search in which every likely haunt was thoroughly combed out, the men were not found, and with the passing of time, the chances in this direction became more remote. A reward of \$250 for each man was offered.

Then, in a totally unexpected way, news recently came from the escaped men themselves, in a communication which they addressed from Canton to the authorities, offering views as to the conditions of the institution in which they had lately been inmates, which, in their opinion, need rectification.

This communication was sent through a Chinese public organization in Hongkong, and although the writers had carefully withheld their address, it served at least to give a clue to their whereabouts.

Letter Seals Fate.

But now what in some respects has had the semblance of a stage comedy, has turned out tragically for the four men concerned, the letter sealing their fate.

Early yesterday morning, a number of raids carried out in Canton by the Canton Police in conjunction with police representatives from Hongkong, resulted in the recapture of three of the four escaped convicts.

The fourth man it is stated is now dead. He turned "Red" during the recent troubles in the Chinese City and was executed on being caught by General Li Fuk-lum's soldiers.

The story of the recapture of the three convicts makes interesting reading. It is revealed that the police forces of this Colony and of Canton have, within the last week, co-operated very effectively in perfecting plans, and a number of Chinese detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department left during the week-end for Canton to participate in the raids.

Police Raids in Canton.

The first of the police coups was carried out at four o'clock yesterday morning, in the suburb of Pongchuen, where Li Pui, alias Li Lam, one of the desperadoes, was staying with a friend. The fugitive was surprised in his sleep—and was arrested before he could put up a resistance.

The second and third men, named Ho Lu and Chan Tsun-chau, and aged 24 and 23 years respectively, were captured in a second raid carried out four hours later the same morning in a large house at Sap Pat Po where they had been given asylum by a new found friend. In this case also, little or no resistance was offered. The building was searched, but it is understood no arms were found. The convicts were taken to Canton Police Headquarters until evening, when they were taken aboard one of the night boats which brought them to Hongkong shortly after eleven o'clock last night.

Back in Gaol.

They are now confined in the Gaol from which they escaped two months ago.

As regards the fourth man, it is learned that he was shot being caught red-handed while participating in the wreckage and looting of the City during the recent Communist uprising. His name was Liu Shu-ke, aged 28, who was serving a term for returning from banishment when he made his sensational escape with the others from Victoria Gaol.

The three convicts who have been returned here will be produced before the Magistrate in due course on a charge of escaping from confinement.

In H. M. Supreme Court at Shanghai last week, before his Honour Judge Sir Peter Grain and a jury, Sakai Mohamed was found "not guilty" of the murder of Ching Li-shing formerly a second cook on the C.N. s.s. Lianan on December 5.

CANTON LOSES SOME SUPPORT.

TROOPS LEAVE KWANGTUNG PROVINCE.

RESULT NOT SERIOUS.

Chinese reports state that the retreat of the "Ironside" troops, who recently left Canton, continues. The main body has completely abandoned the East River districts and crossed the southern border of Kiangsi. Their destination is said to be Hunan, in order to join the troops of the defeated Hunan General, Tang Seng-chi.

The evacuation of Kwangtung by the "Ironside" troops, without much fighting with the Kwangsi or Canton Government troops, is said to be partly due to the fact that the Kwangsi forces at Swatow have been effectively reinforced by the troops of General Pei Chung-hsi from the North and consequently to oppose troops from two directions was impossible.

Following this report of the general retreat of the "Ironside" troops, another Chinese report states that a full regiment of the troops of General Fan Shek-sang, stationed at Lokohong, in the northern part of Kwangtung, near the southern border of Hunan, has suddenly rebelled against their leader and evacuated Lokohong and entered Hunan. Whether this regiment will join with the "Ironside" and the remnants of the troops of General Tang Seng-chi remains to be seen.

For the moment, the main body of Fan's troops are in the northern part of Kwangtung, near the Hunan border. Fan's attitude towards Li Chai-sum is not clear, though outwardly he is still loyal to the present Canton Government.

Another general who was appointed by General Li Chai-sum to engage in war with Tang Seng-chi, along with Fan Shek-sang, was General Fang Ting-ying, whose troops have also been stationed in northern Kwangtung. A few days ago it was reported that General Fang Ting-ying rebelled against the Canton Government, evacuating Kwangtung and leading all his troops North. It is said that he has decided to join Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

The army of General Fang Ting-ying is said to be about 2,000 to 3,000 strong and latest reports say that they have arrived in Fukien, where they are awaiting the orders of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. This move by Fang, it is said, will have no serious effect on the political situation in the South.

SENSATIONAL RISE IN CHINA LOANS.

FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES MYSTIFIED.

London, Jan. 15. According to the Observer, authorities in City financial circles are completely mystified by the sensational rise on the market of Vickers and Marconi's Chinese loans, which have doubled in value in the course of the past ten days as the result of the influence of persistent buying all over the country.

There is apparently no news from China which would account for the improvements, declares the Observer, which suggests that as the Vickers and Marconi issues have recently become popular, investors are mistakenly imagining that there is some connexion between the ordinary shares of the companies and their Chinese issues.—Reuter.

NEW GREEK LOAN.

OVER HALF TO BE ISSUED IN BRITAIN.

London, Jan. 15. Of the new Greek loan of £6,500,000 Great Britain's share will be about £3,500,000.

It will bear interest at the rate of six per cent., and will be offered for public subscription in about a fortnight's time. The remainder will be raised in America, France, Italy, and, possibly, Sweden.

The loan will be devoted to three objects—the stabilisation of the Greek exchange, refugee funds, and balancing the budget. The revenues securing the loan will be under the control of an international financial commission in Athens, as in the case of previous loans.—British Wireless.

PRAGA RELEASED.

BIG ARMS CARGO FOR CHANG TSO-LIN.

LEAVING MANILA TO-DAY.

Manila, Jan. 16. The s.s. Praga, formerly the Hedwich Fischer, with ninety thousand rifles for Marshal Chang Tso-lin from Hamburg, has been released by the authorities and received her clearance papers.

The vessel will probably sail this afternoon, and it is reported in Nationalist circles that one of Marshal Chang Tso-lin's gunboats is now awaiting the steamer in the Formosa Channel for the purpose of escorting her to Chinwan-tao.—Reuter.

Forced Into Manila.

The s.s. Praga was forced into Manila because of the urgent need of coal and the illness of a member of the crew, (says the Manila Bulletin of Wednesday last), carrying a cargo of fire-arms for the warring forces in China, according to a statement made by one of the ship's officers.

The Praga flies the Checko-Slovakian flag and is commanded and manned by Germans. According to its present schedule, it was bound eventually for Chinwangtao. It sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, almost two months ago after having taken on cargo supposedly shipped from the Krupp factory, manufacturers of firearms.

The arrival of the Praga in Manila was unheralded. With a man ill and its coal practically gone, the steamer's executive officer, Herr Kohnke, radioed the harbour master at Manila for permission to enter and coal. The matter was taken up with the Customs Bureau, but in the meantime, the Praga, not receiving an answer to its message, steamed toward Manila.

Yesterday about noon, 12 hours after the Praga had dropped anchor inside of the breakwater, the executive officer received an answer to his message, granting him permission to stop here.

Big Shipment Reaches Tsingtao.

Shanghai, Jan. 9. A second large shipment of rifles and ammunition from Germany for the use of the northern military faction arrived at Tsingtao on January 1, according to a report from Tsingtao today which states that the shipment arrived aboard the Norwegian freighter, Skule, with the clearance papers showing also a Norway port of origin, although the ammunition contained the German mark.

The total shipment, which amounted to 7,272 cases of rifles and ammunition, was immediately handed over to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang through the offices of a local well-known Japanese import and export firm. This shipment of arms and ammunition constitutes a portion of the large purchases negotiated in Europe by Japanese interests immediately following the Geneva arms conference last fall.

The ammunition is being used to re-equip Chang Tso-lin's army for the purpose of opposing the present Nationalist advance to Peking, according to today's reports from Shantung which state that Sun Chuan-fang has been entrusted with the job of opposing Chiang Kai-shek's army, advancing northward from Nanking, while Chang Tso-lin's main army, which is commanded by his son, Chang Hsue-hsiang, will oppose the advance of Christian General Feng Yu-shiang's army from Honan province along the Peking and Hankow Railway.

The Nationalist Government officials here evince bitterness over Chang Tso-lin's arms purchases calling attention to the fact that the Peking Government has just sent an appeal to the American Red Cross for a contribution of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of relieving the famine which made 8,000,000 residents of Shantung destitute due largely to the military situation which drained the resources of the territory.

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AMERICA'S FRIENDLY GESTURE.

REMOVAL OF BAN AGAINST FRANCE.

WALL STREET INTEREST.

Washington, Jan. 16. The ban against the flotation in America of French industrial securities imposed three years ago in consequence of France's failure to fund the War Debt, has now been removed by an official edict. The reasons for the removal are not known, but the newspapers attribute the move to a desire to demonstrate America's friendship with France.

French Government loans are not mentioned in the State Department notification. Bankers in Wall Street are showing marked interest in the development, which will probably result in an American big scale financing of French industries.—Reuter's American Service.

RUSSIAN POLITICAL SQUABBLE.

TROTSKYITES DISLIKE DISCIPLINE.

Moscow, Jan. 15. Two letters purporting to have been issued from the Trotskyist Opposition Headquarters are published in the Pravda to-day. They are addressed to Trotsky's adherents abroad, denouncing Zinovieff and Kameneff, who recently expressed repentance for the active support given to the Opposition.

Trotsky's headquarters call upon his supporters to "break ruthlessly with the surrenderers" and to start a big campaign against the disciplinary measures adopted against the Opposition.

The Pravda declares that the Trotsky party are breaking the pledges they recently gave to the Communist Party Congress that "such traitors should be ruthlessly broken"—Reuter.

ROUND UP OF SICILY OUTLAWS.

FRENCH MAKE OVER 300 ARRESTS.

Paris, Jan. 15. A big round-up of alleged criminals undertaken by the authorities at Sicily recalls the recent Mafia trial.

Le Journal states that over three hundred have been arrested in several communes in the neighbourhood of Agrigento. The depredations of the gangs include over forty murders and hundreds of other crimes.—Reuter.

INFLUX OF CHINESE.

NEARLY 100,000 REMAIN IN HONGKONG.

The recent unrest in Canton and other districts has led to a very considerable influx of Chinese into Hongkong, very many of whom still continue to reside here, where they do not doubt appreciate the protection accorded under the British flag.

Returns for last year, show that there was an excess of arrivals of no fewer than 98,496, whilst the excess for December month alone was 21,666.

RAIN ANTICIPATED.

THIS MORNING'S WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory weather report issued to-day states: The anticyclone is now over south-west Japan. The monsoon will moderate along the southwest coast of China and over the North-China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: North-east winds; moderate; generally overcast; some rain.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. RUSSELL KENNEDY DEAD.

Tokyo, Jan. 16. Mr. J. Russell Kennedy, the well-known newspaper correspondent, representing the Daily Telegraph, Chicago Daily News, and other journals, died this morning of heart failure.—Reuter.

CHINESE CULTURE.

MR. HORNELL ON AIMS OF EDUCATION.

BLENDING EAST & WEST.

The annual prize day for pupils attending the Government Vernacular Middle School was held in the hall of the school this morning when the successful students received their prizes from the hands of Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University. Others present included the Headmaster, Mr. K. H. Li, Dr. Au Tai-tin, Dr. Au Tai-yuen, and Dr. John Fenton.

Mr. Hornell's Address.

After distributing the awards, Mr. Hornell delivered a lengthy and most interesting address. In the course of his remarks, he said: It is now more than a quarter of a century since I started my educational work in the East. I have seen great changes. I have watched the peace and contentment of a countryside wrecked by political and racial agitation. I have been in intimate touch with scores of young lives robbed of their Eastern heritage and profiting nothing by their Western opportunities, and yet I would not reduce by one jot or tittle the facilities which exist in Hongkong for teaching Chinese boys and girls English, for training them in science, and for giving them some insight into English culture and history. Rather, I would increase and improve those facilities. The world is so small now that the youth of China are and must be citizens of the world and many of the Chinese in this Colony are citizens of the British Empire. The British Empire owes all her sons and daughters whatever be their race or the colour of their complexions reasonable opportunities for developing their inherent capacities and surely the British Empire is not so poor either in spirit or in wealth as to desire to evade these obligations. But I regard it as ridiculous that a Chinese boy and girl should be allowed to grow up ignorant of Chinese as a language, and blind to the greatness of Chinese culture. Education which is not based on the traditions and culture of the race is for that race no education at all. China has for centuries an official class, selected for its knowledge of Chinese Classics. There was some sense in that, for it meant that a man who was going to administer the country must be acquainted with those cultural principles in accordance with which the Chinese then directed their lives. The old official class has been swept away. Who is there to take the places of the old officials?

New Type Needed.

Mr. Hornell then went on to read an account of the present conditions in Hunan, and, proceeding, remarked:—I am not arguing that this terrible state of affairs is due to the presence of officials educated abroad and thus out of touch with Chinese traditions. But I do assert that one vital condition of China's regeneration is the evolution of a new type of official who will combine a substantial knowledge and understanding of the West with the best traditions of Chinese culture. I want the University of Hongkong to take a part in turning out these new officials and I want this school to help us by sending to us students who combine a good working knowledge of English with a thorough grounding in Chinese learning. I am therefore wholeheartedly in sympathy with the objects with which this school was founded and if those objects are realized I will promise that the University will help you. But I must here add a word of warning. While I have anything to do with the University, this school is not going to be a stepping-stone to a soft option ending in either a University degree or a Diploma. The University study of a subject means something quite distinctive, not only in standard but in outlook. It would ill become the University to establish a Chinese Faculty, School or Department in which the Chinese Classics and their commentaries are merely memorized. I recognize what memory has done for scholarship; how for centuries the great Hindu Classics were handed down by word of mouth. But those days are past. What we want to do now is to survey

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TROUBLE AT SOCONY INSTALLATION.

COOLIE QUARREL NEARLY LEADS TO FRACAS.

POLICE POSSE INTERVENES.

A serious fracas between coolies of the Standard Oil Company at Laichikok on Saturday afternoon, was averted by the timely intervention of a party of Police, specially despatched to the scene on the receipt at the Station of a telephonic message from the Laichikok Prison concerning trouble which had arisen between the workmen.

Four arrests were made, and at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the men were charged before Mr. W. Schofield with disorderly conduct.

The first three defendants admitted having had a quarrel with a workman of the Standard Oil Company while the fourth defendant denied all knowledge of the affair.

"Desire to Kill."

Inspector McWalter said that a quarrel arose between the first defendant, who was an employee of the Company, and another workman on Friday and on the following afternoon, he appeared with some 30 men and demanded that the foreman should produce the coolie with whom he had quarrelled as he desired to kill him.

Two Indian constables saw the trouble arising, but as a precautionary measure a message was sent to the Shamshui Station from which about 20 policemen were sent to Laichikok.

In the meantime the two constables had succeeded in driving the crowd as far as Cheung Sha Wan, where the reinforcement appeared and arrested the four defendants, the first three of whom were armed with poles.

The only evidence against the fourth defendant, concluded Inspector McWalter, was that he was identified as having been among the mob.

The first three defendants were each fined \$10 and bound over to be of good behaviour, while the fourth accused was merely ordered to sign a personal bond for his future behaviour.

THOMAS HARDY CREMATED.

SIR JAMES BARRIE & FRIEND ONLY WITNESS.

London, Jan. 15. The coffin containing the remains of Thomas Hardy was conveyed yesterday by road from his home at Maxgate, Dorchester, to Woking, where the cremation took place.

The ceremony was simple and brief, and Sir James Barrie and a friend, Mr. Gilmour, with the local Free Church Minister, were the only witnesses. The ceremony was simple and brief, and Sir James Barrie and a friend, Mr. Gilmour, with the local Free Church Minister, were the only witnesses.

Sir James Barrie and Mr. Gilmour left in the afternoon for London where they handed the urn containing the novelist's ashes to the Westminster Abbey authorities.

To-morrow, at two o'clock simultaneously the ashes will be buried in the Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey, while Hardy's heart will be interred in a bronze casket in the grave of his first wife at Stinsford, near Dorchester (the Millstock of his books).

Hardy will be the first novelist to be buried in the Abbey since Dickens, and the first poet since Tennyson.—British Wireless.

AUSTRALIAN FLIERS MISSING.

NO TRACE OF PLANE LOST FOUR DAYS.

Wellington, N.Z., Jan. 15. After a fruitless search covering 24,000 square miles of ocean, warships which have been seeking for signs of the missing Hood-Moncrieff aeroplane, have returned to port.

No trace whatever has been discovered. The search on land continues most vigorously, but another flying plane seems certain.

The plane flown by Capt. Hood and Lieutenant Moncrieff left Sydney for New Zealand on January 10th, since when nothing has been seen or heard of the aviators. Warships have been searching for four days without success.—Reuter.

CAPITAL REDUCED

LANE, CRAWFORD'S MEETING.

ASSETS WRITTEN DOWN.

An extraordinary general meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., was held at Exchange-Building at noon to-day, for the purpose of passing the following resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$1,500,000 divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each to \$900,000, divided into 150,000 shares of \$6 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$4 per share upon each of the 125,000 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing in the nominal amount of all shares the Company's capital from \$10 to \$6 per share."

Chairman's Speech.

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman, Mr. T. G. Weill, said:—The notice which has just been read will have informed you that it is proposed to reduce the capital of this Company from \$1,500,000 to \$900,000 by reducing the face value of the shares from \$10 to \$6 each. The issued capital of the Company is \$1,250,000, consisting of 125,000 shares of \$10 each. You will realize, therefore, that in actual fact the amount of issued capital which is now being written off is \$500,000. The remainder is merely a reduction in the face value of unissued shares. Your Board has now come to the conclusion that the reduction is necessary in order to place before you a sound balance sheet at the next annual general meeting.

An Unreliable Asset.

It has been decided to write off from the asset side of the balance sheet as follows:—
Goodwill \$100,000.00
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings 65,000.00
Depreciation of Investments 324,023.51
Profit and Loss A/c (less balance brought forward) 63,480.81

As regards the item "Goodwill," your Board has come to the conclusion, and I feel sure that you will agree with them, that in view of the nature of the business carried on by this Company and the adverse consequences to such a business of the disturbed conditions of the year 1925, and the resultant trade depression, the item is not a reliable asset.

When the Company changed its premises during the year 1926 it was found necessary to provide a large number of new fittings and fixtures and to abandon many of the old. Your Directors now feel that it is desirable to bring the item of fittings and fixtures in the balance sheet down to a conservative market value and in consequence to write off the amount of \$65,000.

The main reason which actuated your Board when they decided to recommend the reduction of capital was the figure at which investments stood in the balance sheet. From the accounts published for the year ending 28th February, 1927, it will be seen that a considerable discrepancy existed between the market quotation and the book value. Since that date the market quotation has further depreciated and your Directors are now recommending that this item be written down to the quotation ruling when the decision was arrived at.

Deficit This Year.

The necessity for writing off the loss shown by the Profit and Loss Account less the balance brought forward from the previous year must be quite clear to you and I do not propose to say anything further regarding this item.

The items I have dealt with amount in all to the sum of \$552,464.38, which is \$52,464.38 more than the amount by which it is now proposed to reduce the issued capital of the Company. The excess will be dealt with by applying an equivalent part of the general reserve in order to extinguish it.

Whilst I am touching on the question of general reserve, your Board wish me to say that it is estimated that a deficit will be shown by the Profit and Loss (Continued on Page 11.)

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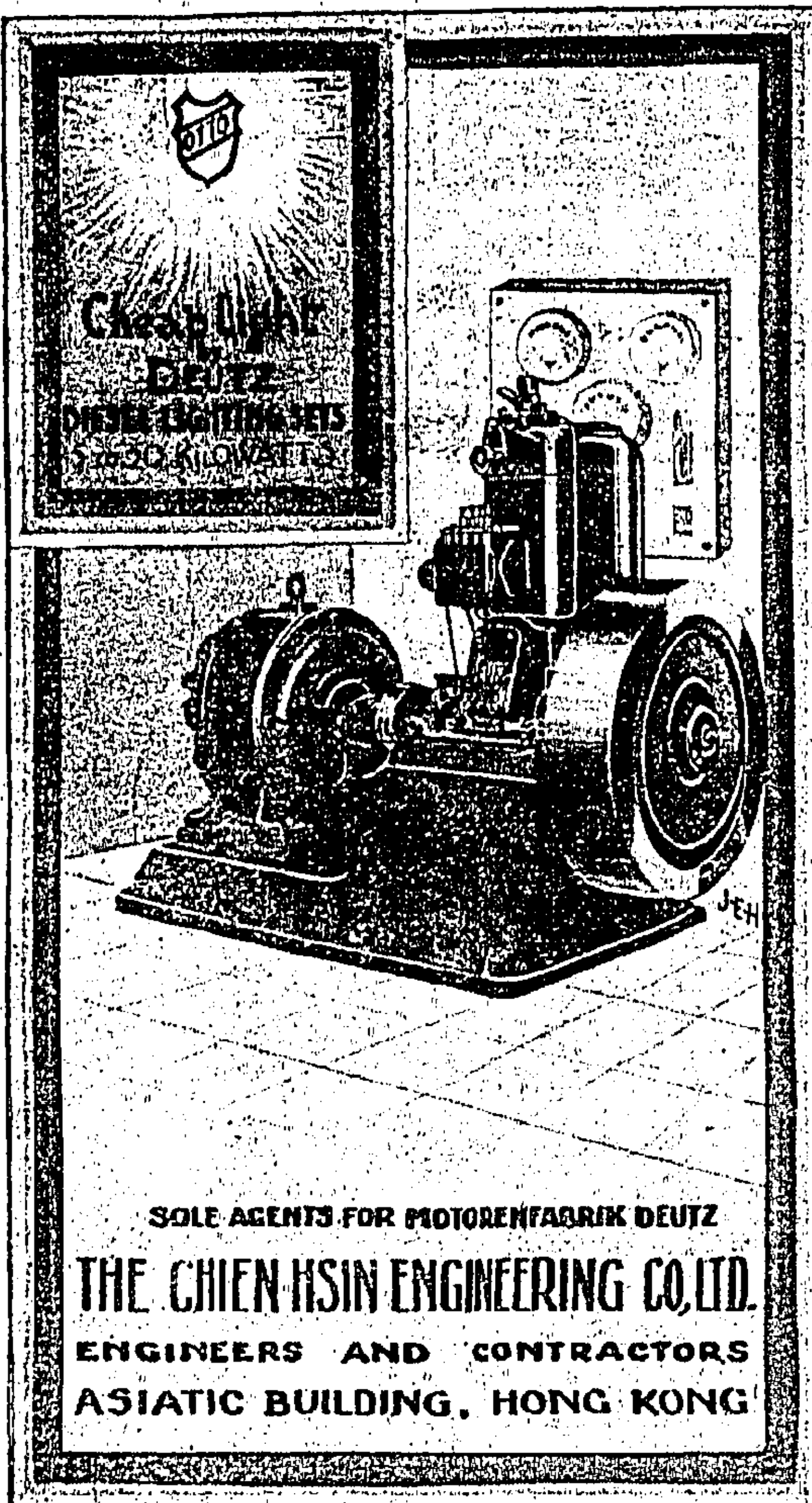
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OPENING OF HOTEL RIVIERA.

INTERESTING EVENT AT MACAO.

GOVERNOR'S GOOD WISHES.

Further evidence of the spirit of enterprise which pervades Macao, and, incidentally, of happy co-operation between the Portuguese Colony and Hongkong, was forthcoming yesterday, when the Hotel Riviera was opened. The occasion was marked by the presence of many well-known Hongkong and Macao residents, all of whom were loud in their praises of the new venture.

Formerly the New Macao Hotel, the building has been completely replanned and remodelled, whilst the excellence of the appointments and furnishings testifies to the thoroughgoing nature of the transformation effected.

The interesting inaugural ceremony was performed by His Excellency Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, Governor of Macao, who arrived at the Hotel shortly after 3 o'clock accompanied by Madame and Miss Barbosa, and Lt. F. O'Costa, A. D. C. A fusillade of crackers heralded the arrival of the Governor's party.

His Excellency was met at the entrance by Mr. J. P. Bourne, of Hongkong and Mr. Leo Huen-chong, of Macao. A gold key was handed to Madame Barbosa who in turn handed it to His Excellency the Governor, who then opened the door and passed through its portals. Having registered his name in the hotel register, His Excellency then made a tour of inspection of the rooms. Returning he was escorted by Mr. J. P. Bourne to the dining room where tea was served.

Hongkong Guests.

Among those present were: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. N. J. Perrin, Mr. and Miss Williams, Messrs. Liang Hau Yuen, W. A. Boyd, A. L. Thomson, G. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mackenzie, Messrs. B. I. Neuman, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wyle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Messrs. F. P. Franklin, P. H. Suckling, C. G. Copley, J. Brooke, A. G. Waller, Ho Shai-wai, and J. M. Alves from Hongkong. From Macao the following were among those noticed: His Lordship the Bishop, Dr. Jose da Costa Nunes accompanied by Father R. Camacho, Tito Polares, Dr. J. Magalhães, Vizeu Pinheiro, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. A. da Silva, Mr. J. A. E. da Silva, Madame Loo Lim-yok, Col. and Mrs. Santos, Mr. and Mrs. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Alves, Mr. Lopes do Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gellion, Messrs. H. Nolasco, da Silva, J. M. Lopes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Carmona, Major and Mrs. Benito da Franca, Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Fernandes, Mr. Chu King-chow, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cheuk-suen, Mr. J. T. Jue, Mr. and Mrs. D. Veiga, Mr. Hee Cheong, Mr. B. Sona Fernandes, Capt. Mrs. and Miss Cardoso, Mr. Lum Boon-ying, Commander J. Inso, Lt. J. Cosme, Dr. and Mrs. N. Leitao, Dr. and Mrs. Diniz, Mr. J. Sales da Silva, Dr. and Mrs. J. Pato, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. da Silva.

The Governor's Speech.

After the visitors had assembled in the reception room His Excellency addressed the gathering in Portuguese as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen: It gives me very great pleasure indeed to be able to declare open this splendidly appointed hotel, a hotel that has come to fill a gap in this little land, where the pressing need of good hotel accommodation has made itself keenly felt for so long.

I feel confident that the energetic management, with the close co-operation of the enterprising proprietors, of this very excellent hotel, in furtherance of their own interests, and in the interests of this Colony, will maintain the good reputation the sponsors have set out to establish, and reap from this business all the fruit that they have every right to expect and hope for.

On an occasion like the present it is fitting that we should not forget the late Commandador Leo Lim-yok, of revered memory, to whose initiative we are indebted for the establishment of a hotel in Macao, fully able to satisfy every modern requirement. This is yet another example of the public-spirited enterprise that has characterized the ventures of our departed friend.

From the hurried impressions I have been able to gather from a cursory glance around the well equipped rooms of this building I feel convinced that this hotel will fulfil its purpose in every way. The simple elegance of its appointments and the furnishing of its commodious rooms will fill the needs of all visitors to Macao. For these many advantages which the hotel provides we are indebted to the foresight of Mr. J. P. Bourne of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., of Hongkong, and Mr. Leo Huen-chong of this Colony, to both of whom I offer my very cordial congratulations. It is my very earnest hope that this deserving enterprise should be blessed with prosperity and that the individual proprietors should be blessed with long life to ensure the smooth running of this splendid hotel whose present elegance testifies to a happy combination of good management and enterprise.

In conclusion, I must ask the managers of this hotel to realize that it is close attention to the smallest details that will make or mar the good name of the hotel in which will be reflected the good name of this Colony. I must also ask you to remember that in this Portuguese Colony your guests will be both Portuguese and foreigners. I ask you all present to join me in drinking a toast to the success of the Hotel Riviera with all good wishes for its prosperity.

The Reply.

On behalf of the Hotel Riviera Mr. J. P. Bourne replied. He said:

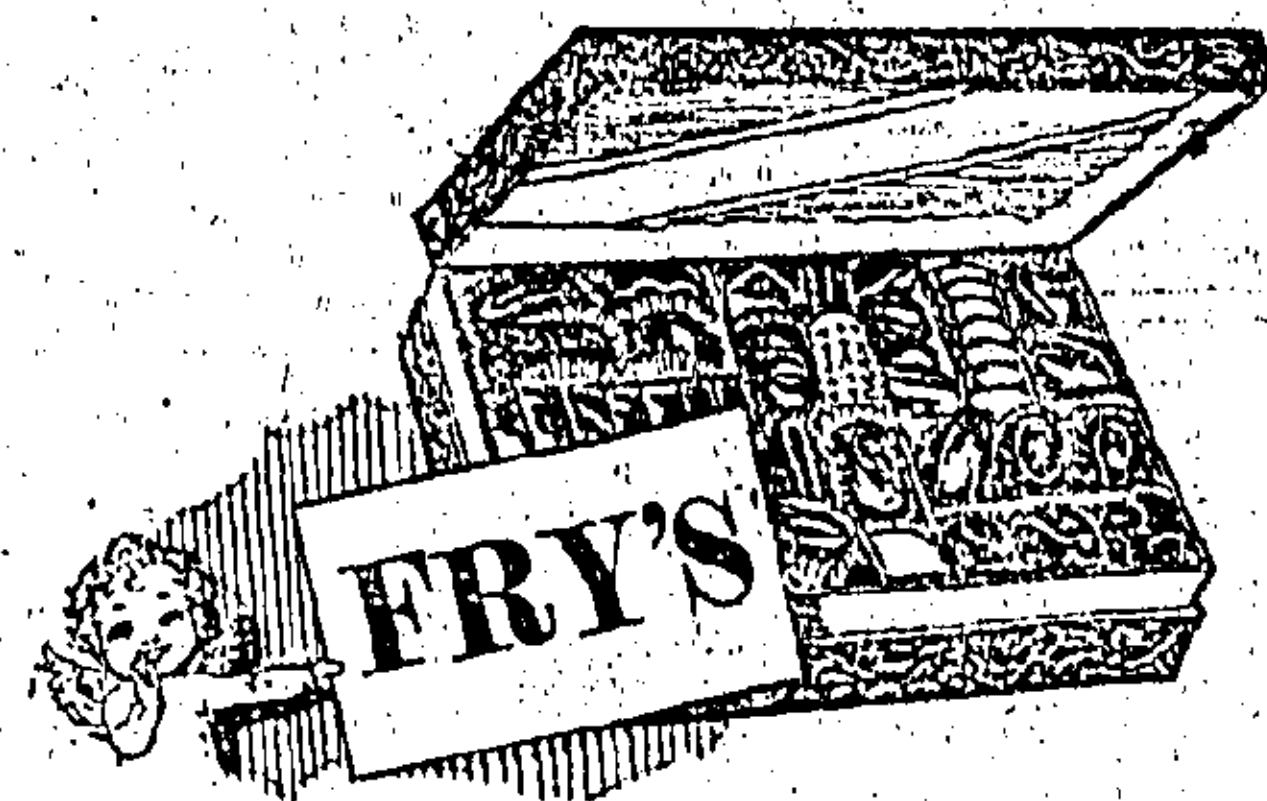
Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen: On behalf of the sponsors of the Hotel Riviera I wish to thank Your Excellency for so graciously opening the Hotel Riviera for us to-day, and you, ladies and gentlemen, for your presence. My only regret is that the late Mr. Leo Lim-yok, so affectingly referred to by Your Excellency, the real founder of this humble effort, is no longer with us to thank you in person on what would have been to him a most happy occasion.

Your Excellency's very flattering references to this little venture of ours are much appreciated by me and my colleagues in the establishment of this hotel. Let me assure all the happy friends I see around me, at this, for us most auspicious occasion, that it is our earnest desire to fully merit the praise that has been so generously lavished on us, and with a very keen appreciation of the functions which we have set ourselves to fulfil it is that we have opened our doors this way.

Some may doubt the wisdom of opening thus early, when there is much work still to be done, but we have in mind the need for catering to the needs of visitors on the very eve of the tourist season and we confidently feel ourselves capable of supplying their requirements during their sojourn in this Colony. We have, therefore, left many little essentials to be completed, such, for instance, as the wording, in Portuguese, of the many little signs which have already been set up in English, and the work on the Oriental Room on which we have given much thought has yet to be commenced. When we shall have got through all these details we can assure our patrons that we will furnish the best and nothing but the best in service and equipment; but you must bear with our little deficiencies for a little while.

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and custom of our friends without which it will be impossible for us to survive. For so kindly granting this occasion with your presence I thank Your Excellency and all our friends; and to the prosperity and progress of the Colony of Macao I ask you, one and all, to join me in a bumper.

Tea was then served and the visitors spent a pleasant hour dancing to the excellent music of the Hongkong Hotel orchestra.

Description of Building.

There are two entrances to the hotel. The main entrance is from Avenida Almeida Ribeiro and is protected from rain and the vagaries of the weather by a projecting glass roof. A little corridor leads to the office and opens out into the lobby. The furnishing here is plain yet artistically planned. These Axminster carpets and the imported Italian chairs in combination with the effective lighting scheme make a perfectly harmonious blending. The entrance to the lobby is from the Praia Grande through two glass panel doors.

The lobby is flanked on one side by the Dining Hall and the Lounge on the other. The Lounge is most comfortably laid out with little tables of conventional size and commodious chairs. The carpets are laid over heavy felt. The subdued lights add another touch of comfort which ought to make this part of the building the afternoon resort of fashionable Macao. An elegant Chinese mirror at the

end of the room, surmounting the over-mantle, lends a touch of refinement to an already elegant room. The Dining Room is another example of excellent taste. The drapery forms the only ornamentation and blend perfectly with the deep brown tones of the furniture, and set out on the tables little silver table-lamps with delicate pink shades give to the room a cosy and comfortable feeling.

At the right of the corridor, at the end opposite to the main entrance, is the indispensable Bar, where nothing has been left undone to provide for the comfort of the thirsty. Gentlemen visitors will find this room the most attractive in the building. The pleasantly carved "bar" is high and when the foot-rail is put in will be as good as any this side of Suez.

The Furniture.

The Oriental Room, owing to the nature of the work to be done, will not be ready for a month at least. When finished, however, it will be a real pleasure to the eye, with a lovely combination of gorgeous reds and greens, enlivened with Chinese symbolic figures and scenes. The furniture will be entirely of the best blackwood and Chinese curios, some of great value, will make the room truly Oriental in appearance. The staircase and passages are heavily carpeted.

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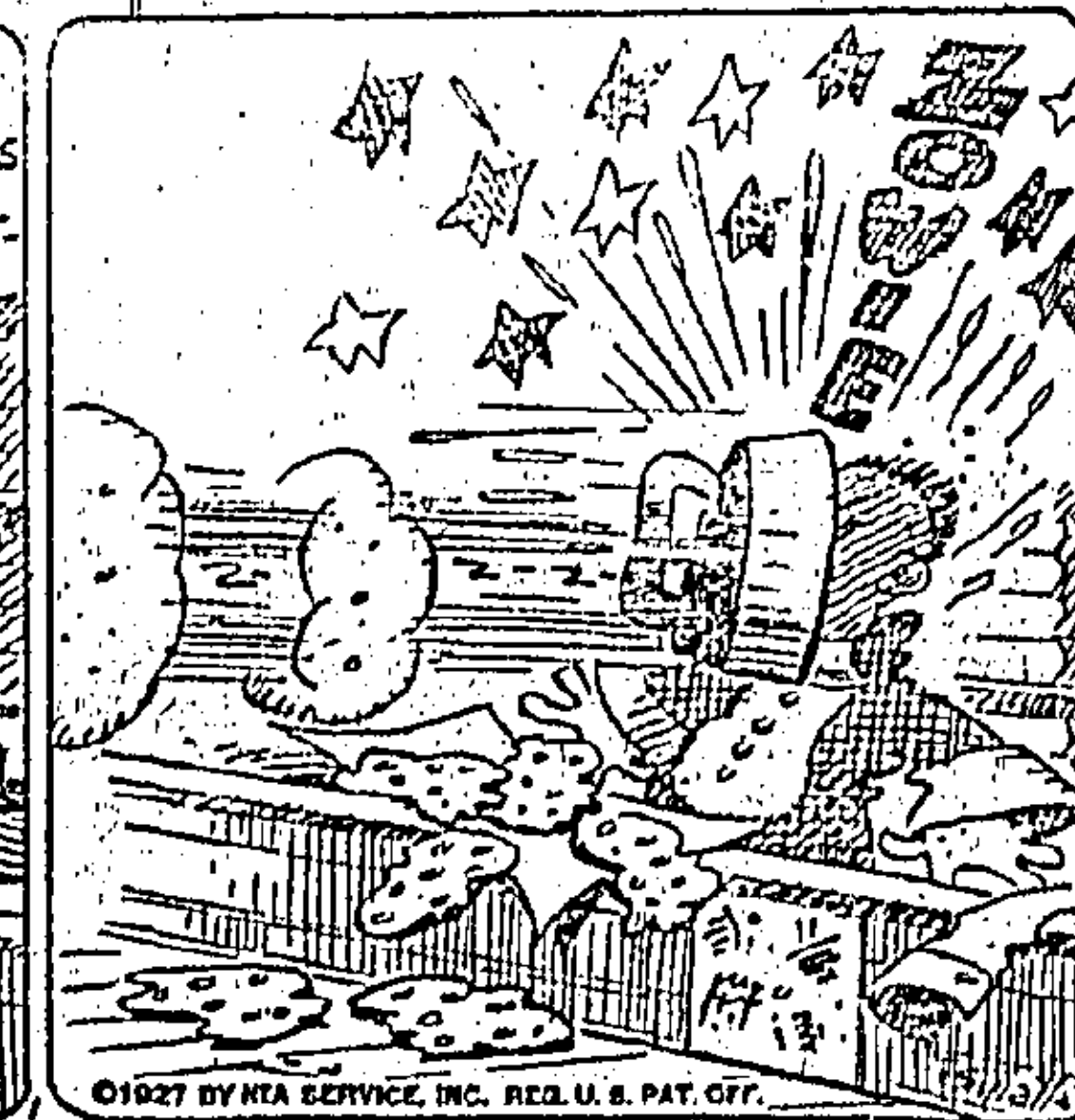
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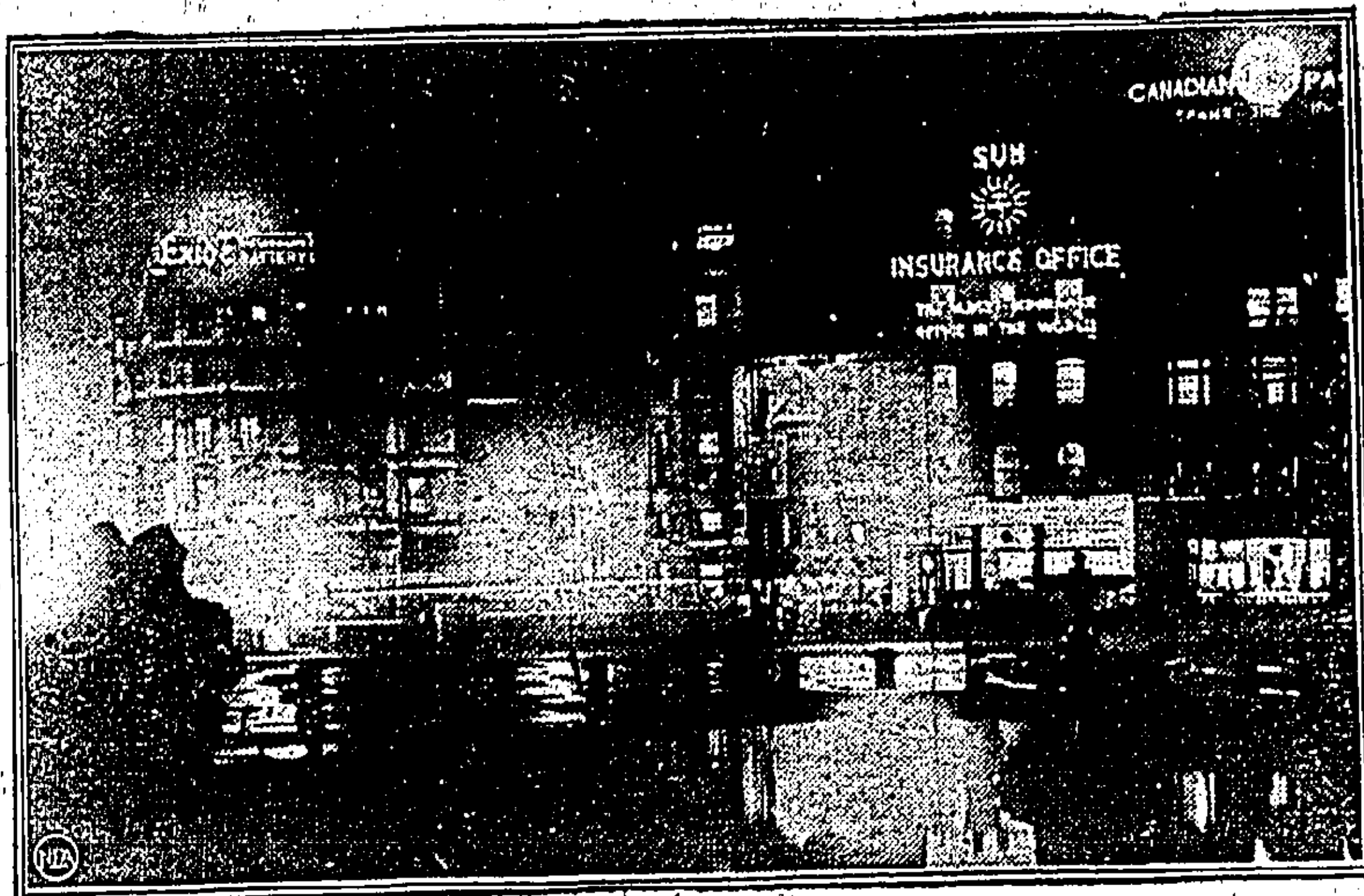
This picture, transmitted by telephoto process, represents a scene during Oklahoma's "insurrection," when Governor Henry S. Johnston called out the national guard to prevent what he called an illegally summoned legislature from considering charges of impeachment against him. The picture was taken on the front steps of the capitol building at Oklahoma City and shows Brig. Gen. McPherron, commanding the national guardsmen, holding back legislators who sought to convene in the state house. The white-haired man at General McPherron's right is E. E. Hill, speaker of the house.



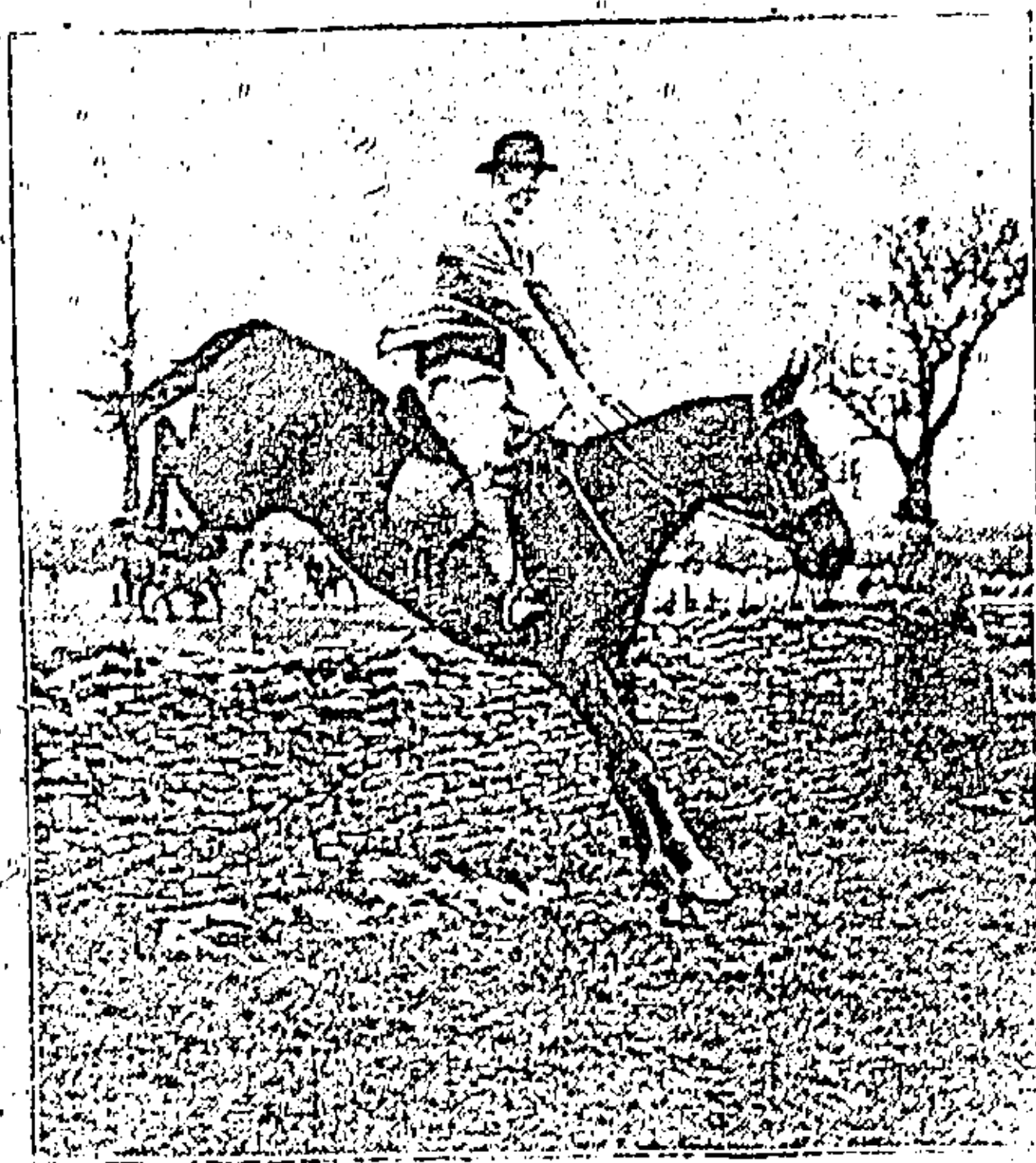
Helpless on the rocks of Kitty Devil Hill, a promontory of treacherous Cape Hatteras, N. C., lies the wreck of the Greek tanker Paraguay. Coast guards used the breeches buoy to get her crew of 24 safely ashore.



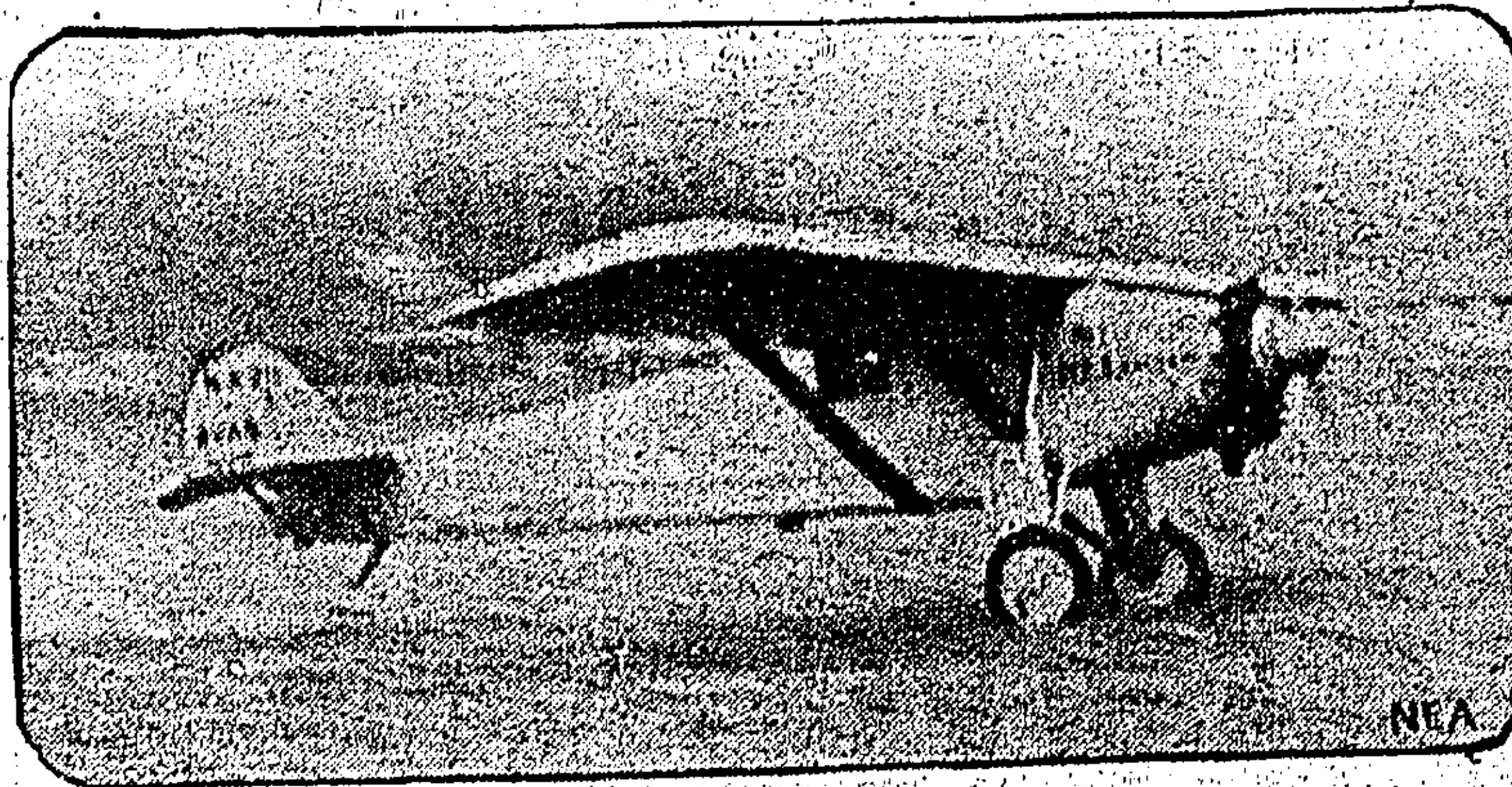
Mrs. Elmira Goodhue, 78, mother of Mrs. Grace Goodhue Coolidge wife of the president, has been seriously ill from influenza in hospital. This picture shows Mrs. Coolidge with her mother.



This picture is extraordinary because it was taken in London during a daylight fog. From the electric signs in glittering reflection on wet Trafalgar Square, one might think it was midnight instead of high noon.



The Oxford University Drag Hounds held a trial of hunters at Bledington Grounds near Kington, Oxfordshire. Our photograph shows Mr. M. C. Clive jumping on Nero in the class for undergraduates. (Times copyright).



The departure of "We"—Lindbergh and his monoplane "Spirit of St. Louis"—from Bolling Field, Washington, for Mexico City is pictured here. In the upper photo, Lindy (right) is giving a farewell handshake to Major Harvey Burwell, the Bolling Field commander. The lower picture is of the actual take-off. Bolling Field was muddy, but "We" got safely away.



M. Litvinoff (left), leader of the Soviet delegation, is pictured here upon his arrival at Geneva for the opening gathering of the League of Nations Preparatory Disarmament Commission. With him is M. Lunacharsky.

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TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMITTEE.

A picturesque ceremony accompanied the formality of the induction of, and assumption of office by, the 1928 Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital, yesterday.

By reason of the position of the Hospital as being the foremost Chinese philanthropic institution in the Colony, considerable importance is vested in this annual event, which marks the passing out of the old committee and the transference of its power to the incoming committee, which, this year, embraces all branches of commercial interests in the Colony.

Approximately at noon, the old Committee were waiting at the reception hall to receive the new Committee. They then all bowed before a large altar, speeches were made reviewing the year's activities. Finally the assembly sat down to tea.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, in his capacity as one of the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council, thanked the outgoing Committee for their valuable services, to which he paid just tribute. He welcomed the new Committee and wished them all success in the year's work before them.

The new Committee is an influential body, comprising Mr. Tang Siu-kin, a merchant (Chairman), Mr. Lo Yin-nin, a contractor, and Mr. Ng Wah, contractor, (both Vice-Chairmen), Mr. Mak Sui-cho (a Californian merchant), Mr. Ko Lung-wo (native banker), Mr. Lau Sing-chong (merchant), Mr. Wong Chung-to (paw-broker), Li Tze-tseung (merchant), Mr. Siu Sook-lim (rice-dealer), Mr. Kong-yu (banker), Ng Yiu-tsz (insurance), Mr. Tsang Hiu-nan (Nam Pak Hong merchant), Mr. Li Chak-man (piece-goods dealer), and Mr. Li Yiu-tseung (merchant).

JEWISH CLUB.

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT BY A VISITING ARTISTE.

Last night at the Jewish Club Mr. J. Joseph gave a reception to a large number of members and friends. A delightful evening was spent, the chief part of the programme consisting of musical items by a visiting artiste, Mr. David Wolff, an expert on the cello, who delighted his audience with a wonderful interpretation of some of the great masters. Among the items on his repertoire were Spring Song by Mendelssohn, a study by Rubenstein and Largo by Handel.

An abundance of seasonal refreshments were provided and the party carried on until early in the morning.

"PLEASURELAND."

A BRIGHT AND CHEERY SHOW.

Mr. Dick Norton's popular company of ten artistes, the "Globe Trotters," has proved a big attraction at the Star Theatre over the week-end. There was an especially gratifying attendance at the presentation of "Pleasureland" last night. This proved to be a most novel and cheery show, noteworthy for its variety and all-round excellence.

The "Globe Trotters" will repeat "Pleasureland" to-night at the 9.15 performance.

They will not play to-morrow night as previously announced, as they are going to Shamoon, but they will give their revue, "Incidents," a brand new programme, in the Star Theatre on Friday and Saturday, which will thus be the last two nights of their season in the Colony.

Booking for "Pleasureland" and both nights of "Incidents" is now open at Messrs. Moutrie's and the Star Theatre at the popular admission prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Odds and Ends.

Because "women make a fad of things" they are endangering the whole future of aviation, said Thien Rasche, famous German aviatrix when on a visit to America. "There should be more preparation and less foolhardiness in selecting planes and preparing for trans-Atlantic flights," she said. "It is so detrimental to aviation for women who know nothing about it to buy aeroplanes and try flying as passengers, just because they have money enough to hire a pilot and buy a new plaything."

And what comeback can one make, when one knows perfectly well that American women are exactly like that?

A Hard Task.

The Frenchwoman spends one-fourth of her time on her countenance. Which makes one think that being beautiful is a job and not a hobby.

Ladies' Aid Whisky.

Two and a half quarts of 30-year-old Haig and Haig whisky was sold by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church of Ishpeming, Michigan, for 75 cents at a rummage sale not long ago. But it was all a mistake. The two and a half quarts were in an old cabinet sold at that sum. When the lucky buyer searched her buy she found the interesting liquid. It would be an interesting addition to prohibition lore to know just how much the whisky would have brought from the Ladies' Aid bidders if they had known just what lurked within the funny old cabinet.

"Pour Le Monsieur."

Boutonniers of all kinds from waxy gardenias to clusters of violets or a single rosebud are kept in the male washroom of one of New York's most famous hotels in order that Monsieur may properly refurbish his dandy appointment. Now let's just hear a few of those classic wisecracks about women being the vain sex!

Plain Cleopatra.

Cleopatra, that symbol of the whole world's beautiful women in one, was really not beautiful at all, biography now tells us. In fact, she was almost plain, but she knew exactly how to make the most of every feature she possessed. Incidentally, she had enough money to send out droves of slaves to dig up water lily roots from the Nile from which oils and creams were extracted for her perfumed toilettries. Any plain woman could be beautiful if she had money enough, that's the point. But watch that "if."

Head-Dresses.

OF THE HEAVY TYPE.

Head-dresses which completely cover the head are creeping back to favour, although they are an exaggerated fashion, becoming to so few women.

One such recently seen was a black net effect, more like a hairnet than anything else, edged all round with pink tulle, jewelled roses set in black net.

A gold tissue skull cap was fashioned with gold fringe edged lapels over each ear.

White and gold brocade and cloth of gold and of silver caps are cut in a variety of shapes from the simple, circular tight-fitting model to the sophisticated type recently the rage in felt. They are trimmed with rows of pearls or rolled bands of brilliantly-coloured velvet.

The Beauty Spot.

TO BE REVIVED.

Dress designers are already busy with new ideas for the coming year, and one of the prophecies is that Miss 1928 will definitely revive the beauty spot.

Already there are signs of it. At a very exclusive millinery establishment was displayed a close-fitting little hat of the skull-cap variety, made from chenille worked in a close design.

It was a quaint shape with sort of ear-flaps at the sides, and

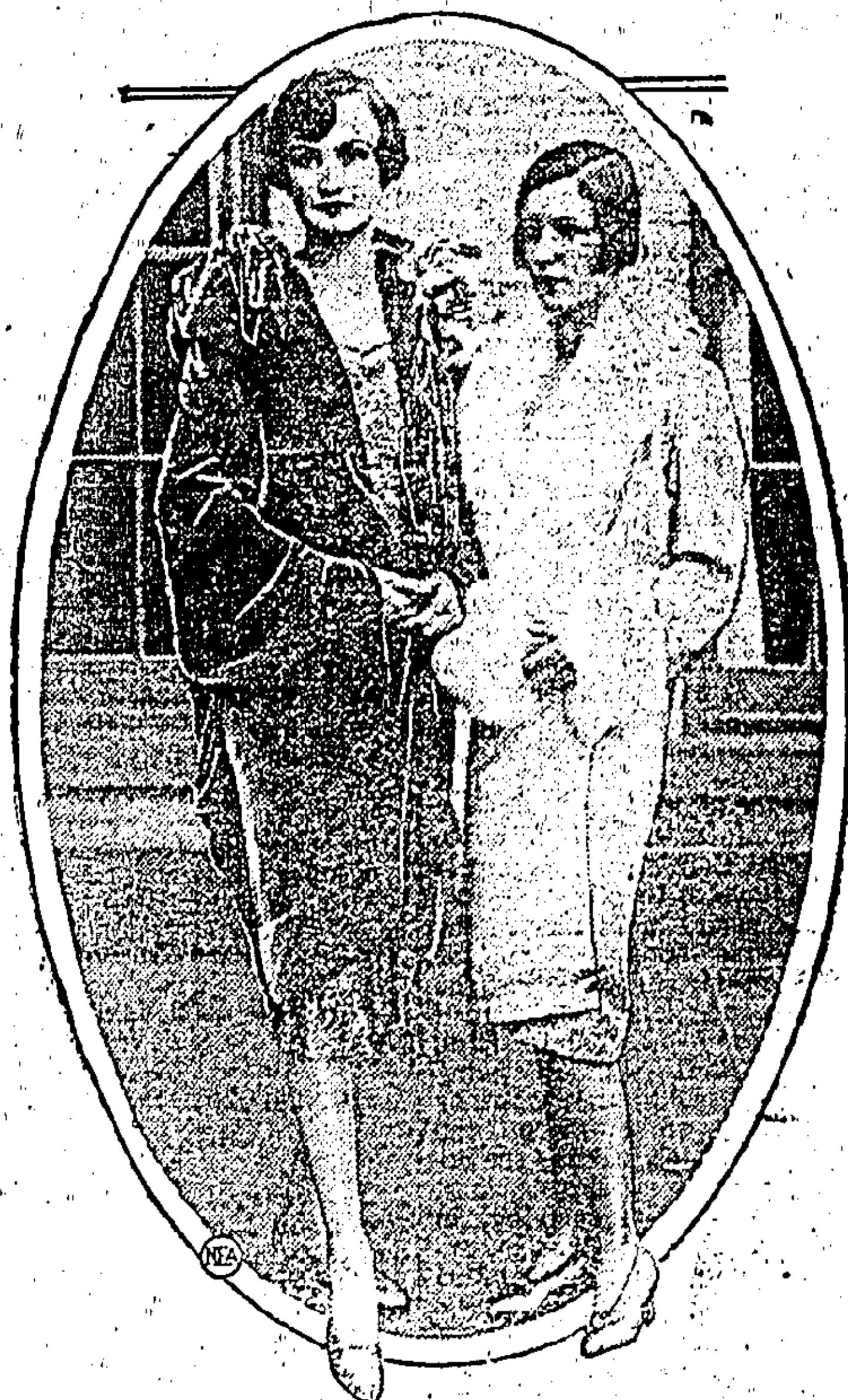
"Lipstick Clubs."

CHEAP POWDER AND CREAM.

That the "weatherproof" complexion is not the monopoly of the West End was demonstrated to a Daily Mail reporter who recently saw many East End factory girls walking to and from their work looking as pink and white as if they had just stepped out of a beauty parlour.

The proprietor of an East End shop stocked with creams and powders and lipsticks explained:

Two Beautiful Evening Wraps.



The evening wrap pictured on the right is of the new Channel red, with a big shirred collar and a flower on the shoulder, while the wrap on the left is of soft green velvet, simply cut, with long shawl collar and deep cuffs of white fox.

It had a wide-meshed veil attached to it. The veil was really the particular point of this particular hat, for at one side of it was fixed a big beauty spot, cut out from black velvet.

The hat and veil were worn so that the beauty spot came near the wearer's mouth, and the effect was entirely entrancing.

Beauty spots are likely to be worked in skillfully with a number of the hats designed for early 1928 wear, and all sorts of possibilities exist for their development.

A red velvet dress for day wear was displayed by a mannequin wearing a red velvet semi-circular beauty spot on her cheek—and the colour scheme was augmented by the use of lip-stick matching precisely.

Our girls (he said) are as anxious to be as attractive as West End girls. Formerly, they formed clubs for the purpose of feasting; now the clubs are used for buying lipstick, creams, and perfumes.

These "lipstick clubs" usually consist of 10 to 15 girls employed in the same factory. Each subscribes from 3d. to 1d. to a weekly fund which forms a pool. The "draw" takes place, and the girl drawing No. 1 obtains the pool for the first week, No. 2 for the second, and so on, and the money goes to the hairdresser and perfumer. Girls who can afford to belong to two or three clubs at the same time.

AMBULANCE MEN.

COMPETITIONS ON MURRAY PARADE GROUND.

The second half of the exercises in the competition for the Ralphs Shield by the various Divisions of the Hongkong St. John Ambulance Brigade, was held yesterday morning on the Murray Parade Ground, in the presence of Lt-Colonel J. S. Bostock, the P.M.O., South China Command.

Lt-Colonel Bostock acted as one of the judges, and there were also present Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. E. Ralphs (Commissioner), Mr. A. Morris, Mr. A. C. Arculli, Dr. H. C. Ho, Dr. L. S. Shin, Mr. C. H. Blason, and other officials. The parade was under the command of Mr. J. Ralston.

The first half of the competition, which was held the previous Sunday, consisted of general drill and stretcher work, and the second half yesterday was concerned principally with the practical cases. The various Divisions went through their paces in a highly satisfactory way.

There were 357 members on parade, the Divisions taking part being the Chinese Y. M. C. A., King's College, Shaikwan, Kowloon, Indian and Yaumati Divisions. The Railway Division, which have their own exercises, did not participate, while the newly created St. Joseph's Division were present as spectators.

At the conclusion of the display, Colonel Bostock congratulated the Brigade on the good work shown throughout. He mentioned the valuable services given by Mr. Ho Kom-tong and Mr. E. Ralphs to the Brigade. The work of the newcomers was excellent, while that of the older members was magnificent. He spoke of the reasons for which the organization came into being, and offered some useful criticism and guidance.

The results of the competitions will be announced later. It is expected that the annual inspection by H. E. The Governor will take place sometime in March, the precise date to be announced later.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

SIR SHOU-SON CHOW'S SPEECH.

Ellis Kadoorie School held their annual prize distribution on Saturday, when the awards were presented to the scholars by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.

Prior to addressing the gathering, Sir Shou-son Chow asked the permission of the headmaster to speak in Chinese. He said that he believed it the usual practice for whoever distributed the prizes in the school to address the pupils in English.

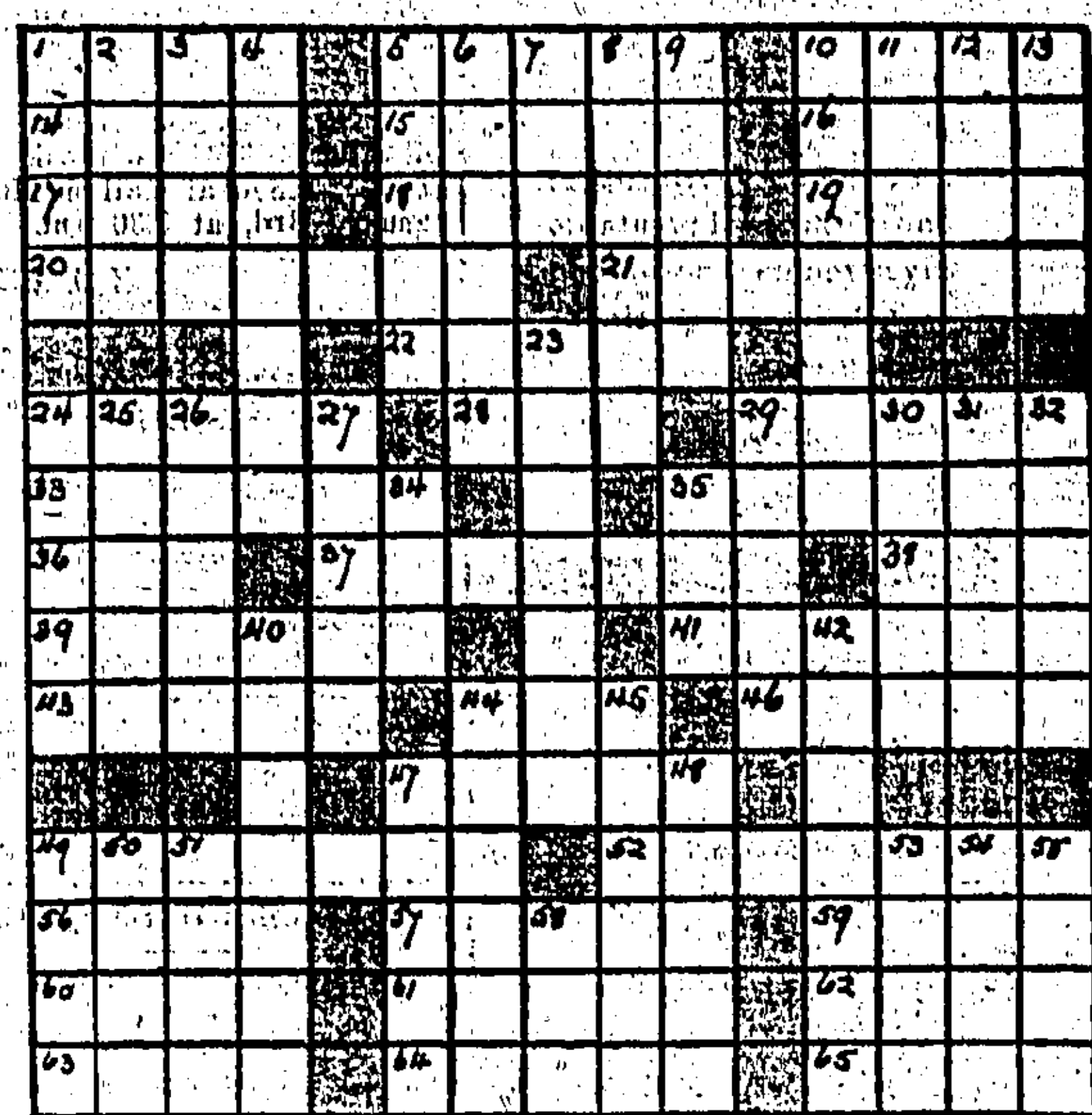
Sir Chow asked that he might suggest a change in Saturday's programme by speaking in Chinese instead. He had two reasons for making this request, the first being because he himself was Chinese and the second because the majority of the boys were also Chinese.

No doubt, some of them understood English quite well but there were others who did not and they would not be able to follow a speech in English. Moreover, it would be more interesting to them to hear their own mother tongue spoken.

Addressing the gathering in Chinese Sir Chow briefly reviewed the history of the school. He said that it was first established by Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak and had been under the management of the Government since 1915. These two gentlemen were supported by other rich Chinese merchants.

Continuing Sir Shou-son Chow said: "Indeed, the best and most profitable way of investing one's money from the point of view of the rich is on educational purposes." How very often do we learn of rich foreigners who will endow and bestow their vast estates or large sums of money to a school or a hospital. To spend money in

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- 17 Glided.
- 18 Taxed.
- 19 Travel in a vehicle.
- 20 Walked as a child.
- 21 Kind of taffery.
- 22 Number.
- 24 Allow.
- 28 Colour.
- 29 Utters loudly.
- 33 Transparent substances.
- 35 Faded.
- 36 Intellect.
- 37 Not real.
- 38 Game at marbles.
- 39 Whalebone of commerce.
- 41 Decence.
- 43 Choose.
- 44 Turf.
- 46 Challenged.
- 47 Underground worker.
- 48 More than one.
- 52 Fastened with bolts.
- 55 Assert.
- 57 Gloomy.
- 59 Close by.
- 60 Novice.
- 61 Corrode.
- 62 Vetch.
- 63 Unsettling dash.
- 64 Subterranean channel.
- 65 Confederate.

Down.

- 1 Sac of vegetable nature.
- 2 Luminous ring.
- 3 Parched.
- 4 Makes more red.
- 5 Trims by shaving the surface.
- 6 A chief.
- 7 Fragment.
- 8 Furnished meals for.
- 9 Chair used as conveyance.

10 Copyists.

- 11 Ireland.
- 12 Movement of sea.
- 13 Incite.
- 23 Fish of deer.
- 24 Bull.
- 25 Kingly.
- 26 Corner.
- 27 Doctrine.
- 28 Assumed whiter hue.
- 30 Active.
- 31 To let.
- 32 Joined with stitches.
- 34 Male child.
- 35 Cushion.
- 40 Epidermal layer of the skin.
- 42 Colour derived from coal-tar.
- 44 Fish found in the Danube.
- 45 Riddle.
- 47 Members of a certain sex.
- 48 One who breaks in a horse.
- 49 Satiated.
- 50 Bad.
- 51 Girl's name.
- 53 Kind of duck.
- 54 Nobleman.
- 55 Squirrel's nest.
- 58 Riotous noise.

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Proceeding, the speaker emphasized the need of education and deplored the wasting of time by students. Sir Shou-son Chow went on to say that though the principal subject of the Ellis Kadoorie School was English, yet

Chinese students should not neglect their own language.

"It is indeed, very rare for a foreigner who does not receive a good education in his own language to proceed and learn that of another country," declared the speaker.

In conclusion Sir Shou-son Chow said that the study of Chinese was the more essential because of the prevalence in China of many pernicious teachings, the speaker specially mentioning Communism, which he said was utterly repugnant to the teaching of the Chinese.

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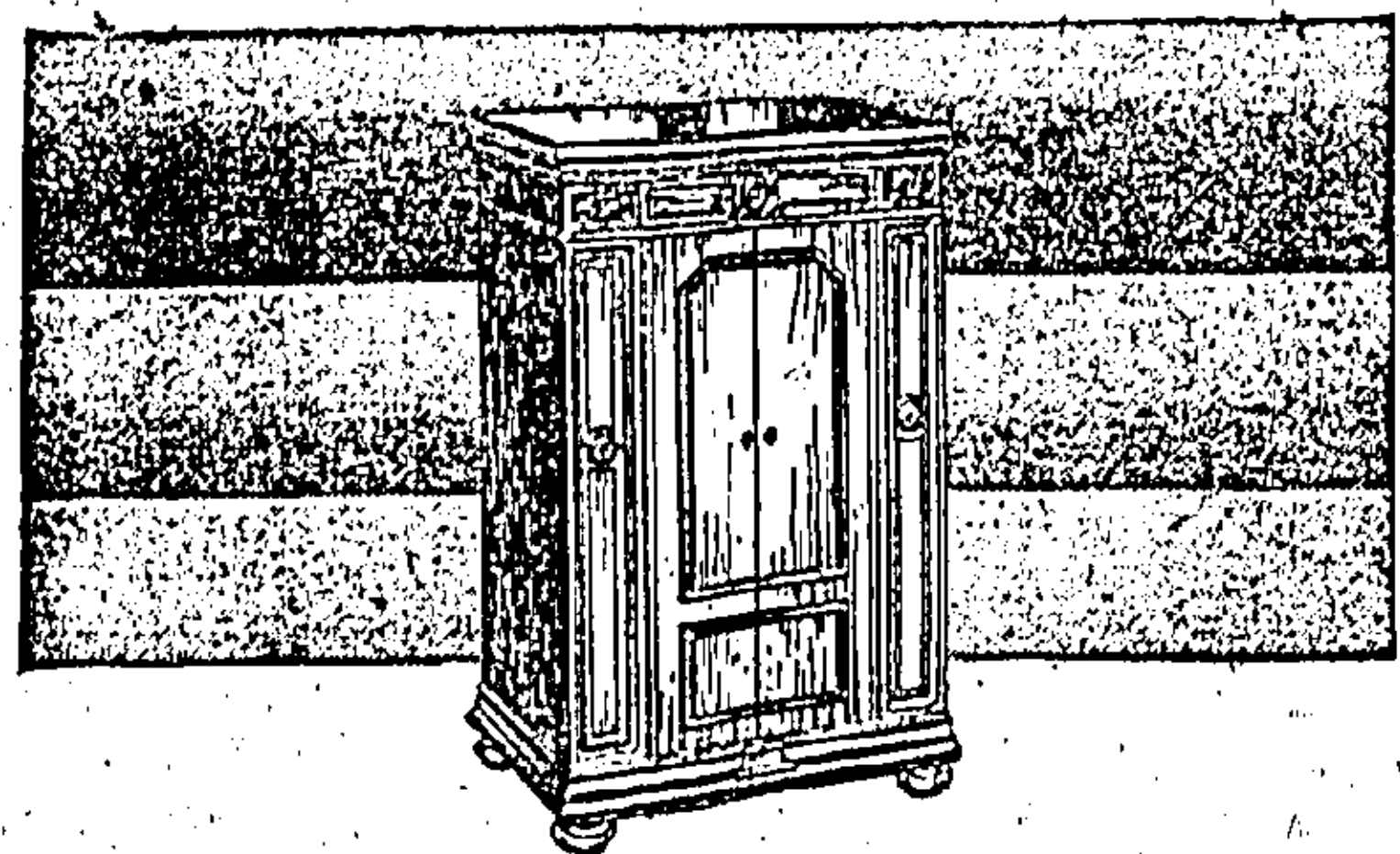
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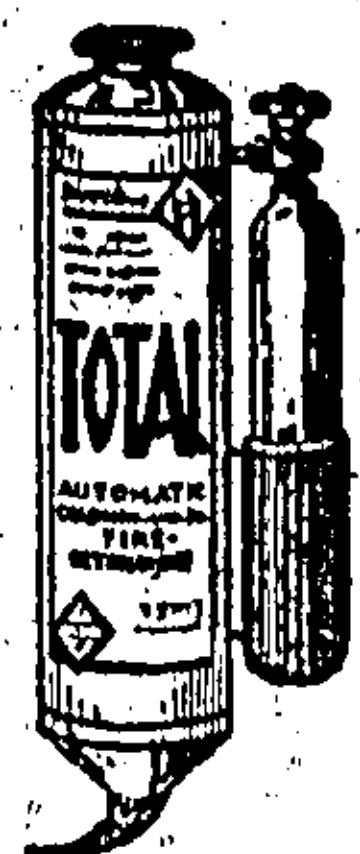
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THE NAVAL PROBLEM.

There is not the slightest doubt that something of a sensation has been caused in the United States and elsewhere by the publication, by Mr. Curtis Wilbur, the Secretary of the Navy, of his twenty-year programme of battleship construction, for he deals with really colossal figures that stagger anyone used to dealing with the annual budgetary provisions of the various nations. What Mr. Wilbur is aiming at is nothing less than the replacement of the present United States' navy with a new one, and this is a fact which should be borne in mind when considering his proposals. This costly tonnage which he proposes is to be in substitution for and not in addition to the present tonnage, and it should be remembered that in twenty years' time the ships which are being built to-day will doubtless have passed to the obsolescent list. Upon reflection, our own view of the present big-navy talk in the United States is that it is designed more to impress other nations, like Great Britain, with the necessity of coming to a naval agreement, than it is to indicate a striving after naval supremacy. It is a well-timed gesture (after the fruitless break-up of the recent tripartite Geneva Conference) designed to tell the world that if naval competition is going to be the order of the day, then the United States can and will take its place in that race. It must be borne in mind, also, that Mr. Wilbur has always been an advocate of a large navy, that he is of the expansionist school, and that he would naturally put forward a very ambitious scheme.

The really important point to be kept in mind is whether the mere existence of such a programme on paper, will impede an agreement on limitation later on. There is no reason to fear the fact that an ambitious 20-year programme has been drawn up means that it must, necessarily, be carried out, for there will be many other influences at work. The money for it will most certainly not be voted in a lump sum, and every year Congress will be invited to pass the building appropriations for the next twelve months. The discussions on those occasions will most assuredly be swayed by what is being done elsewhere. Any big advance towards a solution of the disarmament problem is certain to awake reluctance in the United States to sanction further expenditure, and he would be a confirmed

pessimist who would venture to predict that the problem will remain at its present "deadlock" for twenty years. There is a big difference between drawing up a programme and putting it through (as our own curtailed programme of naval construction this year shows) and the most that ought to be made of Mr. Wilbur's suggestions is that they represent the extent to which the United States is prepared to go in the event of a limitation agreement not being reached. That is the crux of the matter, we imagine, and we cannot therefore regard as anything other than extremely dangerous the utter complacency with which many people continue to view the breakdown at Geneva. That complacency has had its reaction already in the United States and that is a fact to which all eyes should be opened. The most constructive attitude at the moment is not one of indignant criticism at the action of Mr. Wilbur in bringing forth his alarming programme but one genuine attempt to bridge the differences between the American and British viewpoints so that a limitation agreement between the two countries will make Mr. Wilbur's programme nothing more substantial than the paper draft it is at present.

The Prayer Book.

Whatever views one may hold in regard to the recent crisis caused by the Parliamentary rejection of the revised Prayer Book, it must be conceded that the Bishops are facing the problem with much courage and patience. The latest development is that a new measure is to be brought before the National Church Assembly, containing changes which, it is hoped, will tend to remove misapprehensions and make clearer and more explicit the intentions and limitations of the original proposals. It will thus be seen that England's spiritual leaders are not prepared to regard the House of Commons vote as being the last word on the subject, but that they are determined, if possible, to secure what they regard as necessary revisions in the Prayer Book. Their pertinacity in the face of the recent reverse leaves no room for doubt as to their sincerity. At the same time, no-one can have read the full Parliamentary debate on the revised Book without being deeply impressed by the intensity of the feeling which swept the House of Commons, making the occasion a truly memorable one. What was perhaps surprising, in these days when materialism is supposed to dominate the lives of so many of our people, was that there should have been this reflection of such deep-seated religious conviction on the part of men whose names are not normally associated with Church matters. Rarely has the House been so moved, we are told, and there can be no doubting the point that in this instance Parliament was re-echoing what the country as a whole felt. At the moment, we are without details as to the character of the revised measure which is to come before the National Church Assembly, but we do not hesitate to say that if it in any way tends to knock away the props from the essential of English Protestantism, it will be doomed to failure. It was the Reformation which gave England the light—a light which Protestants are determined to keep unextinguished.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 15.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.93
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Berlin	20.47 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20 1/2
Vienna	34.62
Helsingfors	193.11/16
Lisbon	2.25/64
Bucharest	702 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.13/16
Shanghai	1/11 1/16
Yokohama	1/11 1/16
New York	25.32 1/2
Milan	92.20
Stockholm	18.13 1/2
Oslo	18.33 1/2
Prague	164
Madrid	28.59
Athens	366
Rio	5.59/64
Bombay	1/6 1/16
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot and forward)	29 1/2

—British Wireless.

Pictures showing in the local cinemas for the last time to-day, besides Peter B. Kyne's capital adventure story, "War Paint," at the Queen's Theatre, include "W. C. Fields' comedy 'It's the Old Army Game' at the World Theatre, and William S. Hart's Western drama "Tumbleweeds," at the Star Theatre. "It's the Old Army Game" is being screened at 5.15 and 9.20 only, the picture in the World Theatre at 2.30 and 7.15 being the Chinese drama, "Wong Tin Ba." The movie programme in the Star Theatre ends at 8.30, as the "Globe Trotters" present their entertaining revue, "Pleasureland," at 9.15.

DAY BY DAY.

THE CHEERFUL MAN'S A KING.—Bickerstaff.

We have received an effective Chinese calendar from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

The only case of notifiable disease reported over the weekend was one Chinese occurrence of typhoid fever.

Lady Clementi is progressing very satisfactorily and is expected to be able to leave the Peak Hospital by the end of the month.

Passengers for Los Angeles by s.s. President Grant from Manila this morning, include the Hon. Manuel Nieto and the family of the Hon. Quezon.

Charged with returning from banishment, having been deported after completing a prison sentence of ten months, a Chinese this morning received another eight months from Mr. R. E. Lindell.

The master of a trading junk, registered as T3309H, and his foks were taken into custody yesterday, following the seizure, by the police, on board of three Luger pistols, three magazines and over 300 rounds of ammunition.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. G. F. Hole, Wong Wan Tin, the master of a fishing boat, was charged with navigating the harbour without regulation lights and pleading guilty, was fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days imprisonment.

According to a report issued by the police this morning, the Matron of Kowloon Hospital reports that at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, while she and three other ladies were walking down Kowloon Tai Gap, two Chinese men came up from behind, one of whom snatched a basket containing \$5. The men then ran away.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 12 arrivals and 11 departures, of which five and one respectively were British, leaving 67 vessels in harbour, British 22. Both tonnage and freights were low, with inward registries better than through, Japanese and British making the best returns under the respective headings.

CHRISTIAN HUMILITY.

HONGKONG DEAN'S FIRST SERMON.

There was a very large congregation at St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning, when the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., the new Chaplain, Dean and Archdeacon of Hongkong, preached his first sermon here. The reverend gentleman took the whole service and created a most favourable impression.

His sermon dealt with Christian humility, which, he said, quite different to the cringing humility of the Mohammedan, for the Christian looked up to God as his father. Christian humility had nothing of weakness in it. Christ was full of compelling strength, because, owing to his humility, God's Spirit worked in him. God could make no use of the proud and self-sufficient.

It was a quality calling for sufficient strength of character to go God's way and not the way of the world. Talking, as many people did nowadays of other people's duties and our rights had nothing of Christian humility in it, and was of no use to the world. The truly Christian attitude was to do the duty that lay to hand, and if another could do it better to rejoice that it should be given to one of greater power to do the task well.

A Christian humility was the foundation of our British sportsmanship. It was the subordination of self that stood down willingly for the better man, played for the side and not for self, took a beating cheerfully and accepted the umpire's decision. Humility was not self depreciation. Self-depreciation was morbid and wrong. It arose out of self-consciousness. The humble man was essentially the man who did not think about himself. His mind was set on God's work. Self-depreciation was due to perpetual thinking about other people's opinion and a feeling that they did not give us proper appreciation.

Our Lord emphasised that the meek shall inherit the earth. The meek man made no unjustifiable claim upon life. The pushful and ambitious claimed more than their due, and they did not inherit the earth because men instinctively banded themselves against their aggression. Because a humble man claimed little he provoked no opposition and his fellows trusted him. Humility of this kind was not easy, and because it was difficult it strengthened character. The proud man had no peace of mind. Peace of mind came of humility, and harmony with men and women because they recognised a nature that sought to serve and not to dominate.

OPIUM FIND ON "KONG NING."

PANTRY BOY'S DENIALS IN COURT.

A pantry boy of the s.s. Kong Ning, a steamer plying between Hongkong and Wuchow, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning with being in possession of 18 tins of prepared opium.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendant.

In evidence a Chinese revenue officer said he carried out a search on board the Kong Ning on January 12th and on a bunk, which was only sufficiently large to accommodate one person, he found a bundle of blankets. The defendant, who was with two other pantry boys, claimed the bundle, which which searched, was found to contain a parcel of opium. This, however, the defendant said did not belong to him.

The defendant was then called and he said the bundle produced by the prosecution did not belong to him, only one of three blankets being his property. This blanket had been lent to another person. Witness was not aware of the presence of the opium, as he had not used his blanket during the last trip.

The case was adjourned till Wednesday morning, for the other pantry boys to be called, his Worship remarking that it would be fair for both sides if they were called.

THE RECENT TRAIN HOLD-UP.

SOME FURTHER DETAILS.

In connexion with the train held up by bandits near Namkong Station, on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, on Thursday night, a later report from Canton declares that it has been definitely known that the gang of robbers who boarded the train disguised as passengers, was headed by two notorious bandit chiefs, named Chan Kam and Cheung Kam.

The gang consisted of about thirty men, some of whom bought tickets, while a good many of their companions refused to do so, displaying a most truculent attitude. The station master's suspicions were aroused, but before he could act, the train had departed. Immediately the robbers entered the train, they rushed forward to the engine, ordering the driver, at pistol point, to make away at full speed from the station. Arriving at a place named Hungkong, some twenty miles from Namkong, the bandits forced the driver to stop the train and about sixty more robbers came aboard and helped their companions to remove the booty. About 100 passengers were kidnapped by the bandits, who headed for Shachuen village.

Two rich Chinese merchants, recently returned from the United States, were among those kidnapped, says a vernacular press report. They possessed bank notes to the value of some \$30,000.

When the news reached Canton a large detachment of soldiers was despatched to the vicinity of Namkong and Wochung stations, and on the following day more than twenty suspects were taken into custody at the Namkong Station.

CHINESE POSTMAN REPROVED.

ACCUSED OF TELLING LIES.

A Chinese was charged, on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, with stealing letters from a private letter-box hanging in the staircase of No. 299, Des Voeux Road West.

A postman, within whose section the address was included, was examined by his Worship as to why he had made it a practice of slipping all letters, whether addressed to the owner of the box or not, into the same receptacle. It was put to him that the letters which now formed the subject of the charge were never received by the addressees.

He replied that he always personally delivered letters which were not meant for the box in question, but later admitted that he pushed all letters addressed to all floors in the same building in the box.

"Is this your interpretation of your duties?" his Worship interrogated. Mr. Lindell said it was obvious that the postman was telling lies to save himself from trouble with his superiors. He was guilty of dereliction of duty and he would be reported and be dealt with departmentally.

Detective-Sergeant Whant stated that, following his arrest, the defendant was taken back to his house, where other letters believed to have been stolen in the same way were found sandwiched in between the pages of a book. One of these was a registered communication. The case is being continued this afternoon.

The Very Idea!

Warder: The prisoner wishes to be employed at his own work, sir. Prison Governor: "Quite right, but what is his work?" Warder: "He's a flying man."

When dad got home at 1 o'clock, He had no key, by heck. So father rang the doorbell, and His wife then wrung his neck.

Friend (at a French play): Why did you applaud so vigorously when that comedian made his speech before the curtain? Spriggins (confidentially): So that folks would think I understood French. What did he say? Friend: He said that the remainder of his part would be taken by an understudy.

Fifteen thousand applications have been received by Commander George Dyott, who is seeking a fourth man for the expedition into the Brazilian wilds to search for Colonel Fawcett, the missing British explorer, who disappeared when he left for the interior to look for the fabled lost Inca city.

Commander Dyott intends also to investigate the stories that ancient ruins of great Indian cities built by the Incas are still standing in Central Brazil.

Commander Dyott is confident that the mystery of Colonel Fawcett's disappearance will be cleared up by the expedition.

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch, to a man: Your wife consents to this order; do you? Man (hurriedly): Oh, certainly if she does.

A woman asked the magistrate at Tottenham for an order entitling her to keep a cat. She explained that she was a lodger, and the landlady objected to cats.

Solicitor at Lambeth: It is a long time since the previous conviction, so I will not mention it. Mr. Rooth, the magistrate: But you have.

You can't have too many rich men.—Lord Balfour.

Doctors qualify everything.—Mr. Justice Horridge.

I have never made a joke in my life.—Sir Edmund Gosse.

Laughter is to the human being what sunshine is to the cabbage.—Lord Dewart.

There are some people who say we have a Government in power bent upon making war in the future. I do not believe it.—Mr. J. R. Clynes.

A deer which had been fostered by a cow in the Tyrolean Alps is now living a peaceful life in a cowshed in a neighbouring village. It had presumably lost its mother in the spring, and had taken refuge with one of the herds of cows which are turned out to graze during the summer months.

A cow adopted and fed it, and when the cattle were driven in for the winter the deer eagerly followed its adopted mother into the cowshed.

The story goes that one of Britain's "props of the Empire," who had been in the wilds for twenty years fell down in a faint on his return to England, when he observed, for the first time, a "modern" woman with shingled hair, glad neck, light silk stockings, and cello knees.

"The patron Saint of Chemistry" is how the Director of the British Dyestuffs Corporation (Dr. F. E. Armstrong) described the modern flapper at the annual gathering of chemists. He said: "Almost everything the flapper display to our admiring view is the work of the chemist. She has rings on her fingers comprising synthetic stones, bells on her toes, otherwise synthetic leather, also mysterious underclothes, which is one of the greatest achievements of chemistry, and the very sheen on her hair is, perhaps, synthetic, while her face, doubtless, bears products of the Dyestuffs Corporation."

CORRESPONDENCE.

MOTOR CAR NUISANCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—Witness' traffic regulation on the Hongkong side of the ferry each evening!

"For Hire" motor cars lined up so thick, two or three deep, one behind the other leaving no room for passengers who have alighted from the ferry to cross the street. The same habit prevails late at night at the down town tram stops. These cars drive around and around slowly, stopping at every likely prospect and barely whisper "motor car?"

Surely this is not good traffic regulation?—Yours, etc.,

THEATREGOEN.
Hongkong, Jan. 16th, 1928.

COURT CANNOT WAIT ON WITNESSES.**ADJOURNMENT OF BIG BANK CASE REFUSED.****ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD.**

That he could not be expected to wait upon the convenience of witnesses was a declaration by the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court this morning when an application for the adjournment of a case was made by Mr. C. G. Alabaster owing to a witness being in Canton.

The case concerned a dispute over promissory notes, the plaintiffs, the Yue Hong Bank, claiming \$27,231.13 from the Tai Hing Wo firm and Tse Chau Tam, both of 132, Connaught Road Central. Counsel for the plaintiffs were Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. H. G. Sheldon and for the defendants Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

Opening the case Mr. Alabaster said a defence of fraud had been filed, but circumstances had arisen which made him ask for an adjournment. The principal witness for the plaintiffs would be a former employee of the firm. He was now employed by the Vacuum Oil Company in Canton. The case was set for last Monday and the witness remained in Hongkong until Thursday when he returned to Canton in order to collect accounts before Chinese New Year. Witness had written to say that he could not attend Court until next week.

Mr. Potter Opposes.

Mr. Eldon Potter opposed the application. The defence of fraud had been filed since the beginning of things. As far as the defence knew the man was the only witness and he was out of the Colony. Counsel for the plaintiffs had a perfect hold over the witness by subpoena but apparently no steps had been taken to detain him.

The Chief Justice pointed out that the case last week had lasted longer than anticipated.

Mr. Potter said that no one suggested the Vacuum Oil Company would interfere with the course of justice. They would certainly do nothing to keep a witness out of Court.

Mr. Alabaster said the witness had been expected back again, but had now written to say that his accounts must be collected. He could not leave Canton without the permission of his firm and the witness would have had to write to the head office to get that.

Asked by the Chief Justice why the man was not served with a subpoena, Mr. Alabaster replied that he was expected back. They could not have prevented him from going back on Thursday.

Mr. Potter—It would have been very easy for them to go to the Vacuum Oil Company and ask if they had any objection to the witness remaining in Hongkong.

Waiting for Witnesses.

The Chief Justice—I don't like to put myself in the position of waiting for witnesses. If that were done the business of the Court could not go on. I don't think I can be asked to postpone a case which has been fixed merely because a witness says he cannot come. It would practically mean that I should be expected to wait for the convenience of witnesses.

Mr. Alabaster's application was refused.

In his application Mr. Alabaster said the claim was based on three promissory notes of \$10,000 each dated January 23, 1925, and now overdue. The notes were not paid at an extended date. The case for the plaintiffs was that two sums of \$1,000 and \$2,000 had been paid, the former on Sept. 4, 1925, and the latter on Sept. 15, 1925. The case is proceeding.

IMPORTANT COAL MEETING.**MARKETING SCHEME TO BE CONSTITUTED.**

London, Jan. 15. A full meeting of representatives of South and West Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Coalowners' Associations was held in Sheffield yesterday for further consideration of the coalmarketing scheme which the coalowners propose to put into force.

After the meeting it was announced that a scheme was being formally constituted.

Already other districts are making approaches for admission to the scheme, and there is a prospect that eventually the whole of the Midland coalfield, including Lancashire, will be included within it.

It is stated that important developments may therefore be expected in the near future.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICA'S NAVAL PLANS.**SENATE COMMITTEE OPPOSE PRESIDENT.****TWO STRONG RESOLUTIONS.**

Washington, Jan. 15. Disregarding Mr. Curtis Wilbur's recommendation, which it is believed was made after a consultation with Mr. Coolidge, that the date for the completion of the naval construction plans—the expenditure of \$725,000 on cruisers, aircraft carriers, and submarines and a further expenditure of \$2,500,000 on battleships—be omitted, the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives passed a resolution by 15 votes to one urging that any future building programme must stipulate the completion of the vessels within a specified time.

The Naval Committee passed a further resolution, by fifteen votes to none, expressing the view that the clause allowing the President to suspend construction was bad, and urging that a measure be inserted preventing the President from suspending building of any warships at any time without the consent of the Congress Committee.

The opinion is now held that the naval construction plans will be postponed temporarily at least, as some of the members of the Naval Committee are not prepared to support the plans in their present form.

It is considered in many circles that the cruiser programme would actually cost \$740,000,000.

Mr. McClintic, the Democrat, who was the only member of the Committee opposing the resolutions, described the second as "like slapping the President's face."—*Reuter's American Service.*

Earlier Message.

Washington, Jan. 14. The absence of mention of a specific date for the completion of the new naval programme led to a long debate by the Navy Committee of the House of Representatives. Members wanted to know whether the Navy Department wanted merely a paper fleet.

The Assistant Naval Secretary, Mr. Robinson, emphasised: "It is our intention to build the ships," adding that if Congress approved the programme the Navy Department would immediately request the appropriation of \$355,000,000 to start construction in addition to the \$362,000,000 already requested for the Navy during the next fiscal year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHINA AFFAIRS.**NANKING CONFERENCE NOT HELD.**

Shanghai, Jan. 14. According to the Kuo Min Agency the Fourth Plenary Conference was not held yesterday owing to unexpected absences, there being no quorum.

Therefore the meeting was converted into a tea party at which arrangements were discussed concerning the Conference.—*Reuter.*

Peking Politics.

Peking, Jan. 14. The Premier, Pan Fu, and other members of the Cabinet, are going to Paoingfu this afternoon officially to celebrate General Chang Hsueh-lung's birthday, but it is hinted in some quarters that the question of the Presidency will be discussed by the military leaders and politicians.—*Reuter.*

Military Outlook.

Hankow, Jan. 14. It is rumoured that military operations in both Ichang and Wanchow areas and in the region of Yochow and Tungting Lake are about to be commenced. Despite the many understandings as to alliances and intrigues between the contending military leaders, there is nothing to indicate any outstanding change.

Conditions on the Upper and Middle River are generally quiet.—*Naval Wireless.*

Shansi's War.

Peking, Jan. 14. Seven thousand Shansi troops from Chechow have arrived at Tungchow, where they are reorganising, but the War Ministry is at present in possession of their arms.

The Fengtien leader, General Yu Chen, who was imprisoned in the Suniuan area at the outbreak of hostilities against Shansi, has written several letters from Taiyuan, urging a Fengtien-Shansi peace. Yu Chen is being treated more as a guest than a prisoner.—*Reuter.*

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Leonard Warren, of Messrs. Lever Bros. (China) Ltd., residing at "Hollywood" Rue Lafayette, Shanghai, to Miss Hilda Mary Leech of 25, Glisson Road, Cambridge, England, who is due to arrive by the ss. Mantou.

CANTON'S RECENT RED UPRISING.**LESSON TO BRITISH LABOUR PARTY.****POINTED HOME COMMENT.**

Commenting on the recent "Red" uprising in Canton, the London *Morning Post* says: "We do not know whether these events will in any way damp the enthusiasm of our Labour Party for the cause of Chinese Nationalism, or whether the cry of 'Hands off China' will appeal to them with the same force when it is raised against the Russians instead of against their own country. When they see Chiang Kai-shek forced to follow Sir William Joynton-Hicks in the policy of clearing out the Reds, Mr. Lansbury and his friends will no doubt begin to doubt whether, after all, the Kuomintang is worthy of the support of the British Proletariat. It is now plain that the policy which our Labour leaders espoused so warmly was a policy dictated from Moscow, and devised not in the interests of the Chinese but against the interests of the British. If that policy had been adopted, Bolshevism only would have been well served."

"It may be said that our Labour leaders did not know that it is now revealed, and that they were at worst the innocent tools of Soviet intrigue. But such a plea is not enough for acquittal. It is a confession that our Labour leaders were fundamentally ignorant when they pretended to be specially well-informed, and that they behaved with a levity which nothing can excuse."

AMERICAN HISTORIAN DEAD.**PROFESSOR ARCHIBALD CARY COLLIDGE.**

Boston, Mass., Jan. 15. Professor Archibald Cary Collidge, the editor of "Foreign Affairs," died to-day within a few weeks of his 62nd birthday.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The late Professor had travelled all over the world in various capacities. After studying at Berlin, Paris and Baden, he became acting secretary at the American Legation, St. Petersburg in 1890-91, in the following year undertaking the duties of private secretary to his uncle, Mr. J. T. Coolidge, the American minister to France. After a spell in the diplomatic service at Vienna, he became associated with Harvard University, as history lecturer and was elected professor in 1908.

He went to the Philippines with the Taft party in 1906, was Harvard lecturer in French universities for many years, attended the Pan-American Scientific Congress at Santiago, Chile, and visited Sweden and North Russia as special agent of the State Department in 1918.

He was the author of many historical publications including "The United States as World Power," and the "Origins of the Triple Alliance."

POKFULUM TRAGEDY.**FUNERAL OF DRIVER BEGLEY.**

There was a large attendance of Service men at the funeral of the late Driver C. W. Begley, of the 28th Mechanical Transport Company of the R.A.S.C., who met his death under tragic circumstances in a motor mishap at Pokfulum on Friday night. The interment took place at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, the deceased being given full military honours. Many floral tributes were sent from various military units and their officers.

The Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F., officiated at the graveside, and among officers present were Major T. E. L. Langmaid (O.C. R.A.S.C.), Captain H. Drysdale, Captain W. B. Goodfellow, Captain H. Fox and Lieut. Lathwaite.

The funeral procession started from the R.A.S.C. headquarters near Wellington Barracks in Queen's Road, the coffin being drawn on a gun-carriage by members of the Indian Army Service Corps. At the conclusion of the burial service, a party from the 2nd Battalion, the Scots Guards, fired three volleys over the grave, the obsequies being brought to a close by the sounding of the Last Post.

Sir Peter Grain, who was only recently knighted, will arrive in Hongkong during the end of February to sit with the local Judges in four cases before the Appeal Court and will remain here for about a fortnight. This is the first time that Sir Peter has come to the Colony to sit in the Appeal Court.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.**CUBAN PRESIDENT LAUDS MONROE DOCTRINE.****PRES. COOLIDGE ARRIVES.**

Havana, Jan. 15. Gen. Gerardo Machado, President of the Republic of Cuba, to-day declared that it is outside the competence of the Pan-American Conference to judge the general policy of the United States in respect of the latter's intervention in the affairs of small States.

President Machado further stated that he regarded the Monroe Doctrine as "the noble action of a President of the United States to prevent a re-conquest of America. It ought to be maintained," he added.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Pres. Coolidge Greeted.

Havana, Jan. 15. The American battleship, the U.S.S. Texas, with President Coolidge on board, arrived from Key West to-day, an enthusiastic greeting being accorded by huge crowds.

President Coolidge's arrival in connexion with the sixth Pan-American Conference.—*Reuter.*

Argentine's Position.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 13. A semi-official note states that if the Nicaraguan question is discussed at the forthcoming Pan-American conference in Havana the Argentine delegation, while abstaining from prejudging the relations between Nicaragua and the United States, will make a declaration of principle conformably with Argentine's traditions of respect for the right to self-government and the independence of sister republics.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Suspect Russians.

New York, Jan. 15. It is reported from Havana that the Police have arrested two Russians, who are alleged to have arrived from Mexico for the purpose of fomenting trouble when President Coolidge arrives to-morrow for the Pan-American Conference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Little Criticism Expected.

New York, Jan. 14. It is reported from Bogota that the Chancellor of Colombia, interviewed, declared that he had instructed the Colombian delegates to the Pan-American Conference to remain neutral in the event of a discussion of the United States attitude towards Nicaragua.

Colombia has long cherished feelings of resentment against the United States in view of the latter's recognition of the revolution where Panama broke away from Colombia and formed a separate republic, making it possible for the United States to build the Panama Canal. Hence, if the Colombian delegates remain neutral it is believed to be very unlikely that many other delegations from Latin America will stoutly oppose the Pan-American policy of the United States.

Twenty-one republics are represented at the Conference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ENDURANCE FLIGHT FAILS.**TRANSATLANTIC AIRMAN'S ATTEMPT.**

New York, Jan. 14. According to notes dropped from Chamberlain's monoplane the airman have encountered oil and petrol leaks, trouble with their flying instruments and sickness, but are continuing the flight.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Roosevelt Field, Jan. 15. Begrimed and begrimed, Chamberlain and Williams descended at two o'clock this afternoon, owing to shortage of fuel, seventy-five minutes below the record.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Chamberlain was attempting to regain the world's endurance flight by slowly circling Long Island.

NEW BRIDGE ACROSS WHITE NILE.**NEW SUDAN DEVELOPMENT.**

London, Jan. 15. Another step in the development of the Sudan is marked by the announcement that the new bridge over the White Nile, connecting Khartoum and Omdurman for foot passengers, vehicular traffic, and electric trams, will be opened to-morrow.

The bridge, which consists of seven spans each 244 feet long and an electrically-operated swing span which is 304 feet long, lies across the White Nile at its junction with the Blue Nile. The roadway is thirty feet wide, and provision has been made for two footpaths, each eleven feet wide, which can be carried in brackets when the volume of traffic justifies the enlargement.—*British Wireless.*

"RED ROSE" ARRIVES AT SINGAPORE.**WORLD'S DISTANCE RECORD 'ALREADY BEATEN.'****ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA.**

Capt W. N. Lancaster and Mrs. Keith Miller landed on the Balestier Plain, Singapore at ten-thirty on Saturday morning January 7th, in the Avro-Avian light aeroplane, the Red Rose, in which they are flying from England to Australia. The occasion was a memorable one for several reasons. These aviators, by virtue of the fact that they have now completed 10,500 miles out of their 13,000 flight, have now beaten by a considerable margin the world's record for the long distance flight by a light aeroplane. The Red Rose is the first machine of its class to reach Malaya, and Mrs. Keith Miller is the first lady to fly to the Far East.

The aeroplane circled gracefully above the Plain twice and made a good landing, after a two and a half hours journey from Kuala Lumpur. On landing, the aviators were opened fire on by batteries of cameras, and Mrs. Keith Miller's Bonzo, which is attached to the fuselage of the machine, was photographed many times.

Speaking to a *Free Press* reporter, Capt. Lancaster expressed the opinion that Singapore has the worst landing ground for any place of a similar size that he had "struck" so far.

The fliers were entertained to tiffin by the Singapore Flying Club on Saturday. The Wing-Commander, (Mr. G. W. A. Trimmer) was in the chair, and besides Capt. Lancaster and Mrs. Keith Miller, Sir Hayes and Lady Marriott were also guests.

Details of the Flight.

The Red Rose left Croydon on Oct. 14 for Australia. It followed the route from Egypt along the Imperial Airways line to India, and from there over Burma. From Singapore it will fly via Batavia and Sourabaya to Port Darwin. It is fitted with a 35 h.p. Cirrus engine, which consumes four gallons per hour, the carrying capacity of the plane being 55 gallons.

Captain Lancaster was Captain of the boxing team which won the R.A.F. Boxing Championship (1925) of the Empire and also won the Empire Broncho Contest at Wembley (1924). He belongs to the Royal Air Force Reserves.

Apart from the forced landing in a ricefield near Rangoon and the recent adventure with a snake found while the machine was in flight, the flight has been free from trouble of anything more than a very minor character. By the time the aviators reach Australia they will have covered a distance of approximately 13,000 miles.

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The fliers were due to leave Singapore for Batavia on Monday last.

At the Rubber Exhibition opened at the Exhibition Pavilion of the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, S.W., last month by Capt. Douglas Hacking, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade—the first of a series of exhibitions to illustrate the growth and development of raw material-producing industries within the Empire—one of the principal exhibits is a model nursery of rubber. The floor and mats are of rubber; the dado is of rubber, and the wall paper has been treated with rubber and is washable.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 Where do immigrants first land on arriving in New York Harbour?
- 2 What great strike began on May 3rd, 1926?
- 3 Which hemisphere contains the greater proportion of the earth's land surface?
- 4 Who was the father of Alfred the Great and who were his brothers?
- 5 What is meant by "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street"?
- 6 From what substance is linen made?
- 7 What are Germany's chief agricultural products?
- 8 Give the ancient name of Constantinople.
- 9 What is a salary?
- 10 In what book do the Lilliputians and Brobdingnagians occur?
- 11 To what does the adjective "Attic" refer?
- 12 Name the gas which animals exhale and plants utilize.

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LOCAL CINEMAS.

TWO INTERESTING PICTURES.

"War Paint," a popular novel by Peter B. Kyne, the creator of Cap-
py Ricks, is translated on the
screen in a picture of the same
name which concludes its two days

run at the Queen's Theatre to-day.
The story is one of ceaseless action
and romantic interest, capturing
the fire and imagination of the
author, who has it to his credit
that a book by him is never laid
down until it has been read to the
last chapter. A happy choice has
been made by the film producer in
the casting of the various roles,
and Tim McCoy, Pauline Starke and
Karl Dane all fit ideally into their
respective parts. "War Paint" has

to be seen to be appreciated.
"It's the Old Army Game," which
now returns to the World Theatre,
will be shown for the last time to-
day, when it should prove to be a
draw for those seeking light diver-
sion. It is a story of crooks and
crooked dealings, albeit presented
in such a humorous aspect that it
should make a wide appeal.
The next feature at this theatre
is a fine production attractively en-
titled "The Lucky Lady."



SATISFYING GAME.

**INTERPORTERS WIN ON
MERITS.**

GOSANO'S BRILLIANCE.

(By "Wanderer.")

Undisturbed by the concession of
a goal before the game was five
minutes old, the Hongkong Inter-
port team gave a very satisfying
exhibition in their last match be-
fore leaving for Shanghai, out-
playing a strong "Rest" side and
winning on their merits by four
goals to two. A striking improve-
ment in forward efficiency, and
better teamwork, created an ex-
cellent impression, and the suc-
cess should give them increased
confidence.

At times their play was force-
ful and reached brilliant heights
and the Rest defence was extend-
ed to its limits. Occasionally the
Interporters eased ours and then
the McGillichey-Chan Kwong-ju
partnership, with Silva playing a
dashing game at centre-forward,
gave Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-
tat an opportunity of proving
their capabilities. For the most
part, however, the Rest forwards
penetrated little beyond the re-
presentative half-back line, which,
with Sims as a brilliant pivot, con-
trolled the game throughout.
Sims piled his forwards with per-
fect passes, and Lam Yuk-ying
also showed prominently in as-
sisting to force home the attack.

Gosano's "Hat-trick."

But beyond all this was the
superb display of Gosano. He
scored three of the goals and
literally gave the fourth to Suen
Kam-shun. One would regard
this as useful if it had been the
extent of his effort, but he was
always worrying for the ball, feed-
ing both his wings judiciously
when he obtained possession. He
held the line, of which he was the
trustful leader, together beauti-
fully, and a similar exhibition in
Shanghai will give the Northern
defence a bewildering afternoon.

The game began sensationally,
the Rest scoring in their initial
raid. Clark was at fault in a
sense though he can scarcely be
blamed for slipping. The slip
gave Pulford a chance to dash in
and tip the ball over the keeper's
head into the empty net.

Wynne and Hooper gave a ster-
ling display against the Interport
forwards in the next twenty min-
utes, but eventually Gosano seized
on the ball and defeated Rodger
easily from short range. Almost
from the kick-off, the Interporters
had scored again, a clever run
and fast centre by the Rev. Alex-
ander, culminating in a swift turn
of the ball by Gosano leaving Rod-
ger helpless. Rodger saved de-
lightfully time after time and
there was no further scoring prior
to the interval.

Left Wing Prominent.

The Interport left wing was
showing up more prominently
than the right, although McEwen
had done some brilliantly clever
things which went astray through
lack of anticipation on the part
of Tao. McEwen's touches were
sometimes pretty, but in the re-
gion of goal he was unreliable,
twice shooting high over from al-
most ideal positions.

Suen Kam-shun's artistry has
never been more evident, and he
was getting much better direction
with those swift 25-yard shots of
his which sometimes take the goal-
keeper by surprise. Rodger held
many teasers. Suen worked har-
moniously with the Rev. Alexan-
der, and judged his passes to "Go-
sano and further to the right in
a manner which had much to do
in the obvious improvement in
team-work.

Suen and Alexander were the
wing which caused most danger
at the opening of the second half,
but although the Rest were severe-
ly pressed superb work by Wynne,
and many clever interceptions by
Hooper averted a score, and then
before the Interporters had time to
realise the danger a swift burst
by Chan Kwong-ju resulted in a
perfect equaliser, Silva meeting
the centre on the run and sending
it past Clark at a fast pace.

Two Good Goals.

For the next twenty minutes the
ball was seldom out of the Rest
half. The half-backs were over-
worked, but struggled unceasing-
ly, while Wynne and Hooper cov-
ered Rodger magnificently. Gosano
scored his third goal from Tao

INTERPORT GOLF.

**MANILA TEAM FOR
HONGKONG.**

The Manila Golf Club team
which will visit Hongkong to play
the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is
booked to leave Manila on January
22.

Six of the leading golfers will
make up the Manila team which
will be substantially the same as
the one that decisively defeated
the Hongkong golfers on the
Calocan course some time ago.
J. R. Mason, Manila's leading
golfer, will head the delegation.
The tentative list of the players
who will make the team follows:
George Ivory, E. J. Nell, Capt. K.
J. Fielder, Army Champion, Lt. J.
A. Cranston, U. S. A., and Capt.
I. I. Yates, U. S. N.

The Manilans are leaving on
the Empress of Canada. The
meeting will be held so as to finish
on or about February 2, thus per-
mitting the Manila players to re-
turn in time to take part in the
Philippine Open, scheduled to
take place soon after the current
Army manoeuvres.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

**IN AID OF ST. JOSEPH'S
AGED HOME.**

H.M.S. Marazion met the Sacred
Heart Reserve yesterday at the
Recreio Ground, with the result
that the latter's forwards scored
a goal each while the Marazion
retaliated twice, making the final
score 5-2 in favour of Sacred
Heart.

At 3.45, the R.A.F. and the
Sacred Heart took the field and a
fast game was witnessed. The
good combination and the attack
of the Sacred Heart forwards
made Avery shine in goal. At
half-time there was no score. Ten
minutes after the resumption, the
R.A.F. opened the score and
before long Ip Pak-wa and P. Sak
scored for the Sacred Heart. The
final whistle sounded with Sacred
Heart winners by 2 to 1.

The gate receipts were about
\$127.

WARATAH'S TOUR.

**MIDI DEFEATED AT
TOULOUSE.**

Toulouse, Jan. 15.
The New South Wales rugger
tourists, the Waratahs, to-day de-
feated the Midi by 11 points to 3
points.—*Reuter.*

Kwai-sing's centre. It was the
best goal of the match. The ball
came in swiftly from the wing,
but Gosano met the ball first-time
and flashed it past Rodger ob-
liquely at a terrific pace. Soon
afterwards a move initiated by
Sims found the Rest defence
spread-eagled and Gosano slipped
the ball to Suen who scored easily.
The Rest were applying pressure
when the final whistle blew.

The Interporters won on their
merits, indeed a bigger advantage
might very well have been their
lot. Clark was never at fault
after the opening goal, Ng and
Lai covered each other capably,
the half-backs were superb. Sims'
accuracy with head and feet were
again a source of admiration. The
forwards were lively, kept the
ball on the move in the right di-
rection, and gave a sound all-round
display.

Junior League Results.

League football was confined to
matches in the Junior Division
"A." There were no out-and-out
surprises, but South China "A."
offered unexpected resistance to
the K.O.S.B. Reserves while the
Recreio were not expected to lose
so heavily on their own ground.

Kowloon and St. Joseph's pro-
vided the best fight of the day.
It was closely contested through-
out, but the St. Joseph's were
much smarter in front of goal and
they snatched up two opportunities
into the first half to lead 2-0 at
the interval. Both sides netted
once in the second half. The re-
sults were:
K.O.S.B. Res. 1 S. China "A" 0
Chinese Ath. 5 S. China "B" 0
Kowloon 1 St. Joseph's 3
Recreio 1 University 4

In a friendly match against
H.M.S. Argus, Kowloon's first
eleven, not at full strength, won
by three goals to two. All the
scoring was done in the first half,
Smith getting through two for the
losers, while Tiernan, Spary and
Muir scored for Kowloon.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph"
offers a prize of \$50 to the readers
who send in twelve correct fore-
casts of the results of the English
League and Scottish Cup matches
(to be played on Saturday next,
January 21st) set out in the Cou-
pon below. No goal scores are
required; only forecasts showing
wins or draws.

In the event of no reader fore-
casting all twelve matches, a prize
of \$25 will be given to the reader
who sends in the greatest number
of correct forecasts; and in the
event of two or more readers send-
ing in an equal high number, the
prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance
with the rules published in the
Telegraph during the weeks August
22-September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on Janu-
ary 21st:—

SCOTTISH CUP.

FIRST ROUND.

Dumbarton	v	Hamilton.
Arthurlie	v	Queen's Park.
Ayr Un.	v	Bo'ness.
Clydebank	v	Dunfermline.
East Fife	v	Dundee Un.
Raith Rvs.	v	Aberdeen.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Birmingham	v	Everton.
Portsmouth	v	West Ham.
Arsenal	v	Aston Villa.
Hull City	v	Port Vale.
Notts Forest	v	Leeds Un.
Exeter	v	Northampton.

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Strike out the teams which you
think will lose, but make no marks
in respect of matches which you
think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office
not later than Wednesday follow-
ing the date on which the matches
are played. No prize will be
awarded for which a claim has not
been made.

Before sending in your coupons,
mark your forecasts on the dupli-
cate list given below. Keep your
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later with the published results of
the matches and if you find that
you have eight or more correct send
in a claim for the prize.

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RECORD OF THE FORECASTS YOU HAVE
SENT IN:

Dumbarton	v	Hamilton
Arthurlie	v	Queen's Park
Ayr Un.	v	Bo'ness
Clydebank	v	Dunfermline
East Fife	v	Dundee Un.
Raith Rvs.	v	Aberdeen
Birmingham	v	Everton
Portsmouth	v	West Ham
Arsenal	v	Aston Villa
Notts Forest	v	Port Vale
Hull City	v	Leeds Un.
Exeter	v	Northampton

SPORTING ITEMS.

AGAINST THE DOGS.

London, Jan. 7.
There is developing a strong
feeling against greyhound racing,
in view of the decision of the
trustees of the Crystal Palace to
refuse to allow the sport to take
place there.

South African's Long Run.

London, Jan. 7.
The South African, Arthur
Newton, attacking his own road-
running record for 100 miles in 14
hours, 43 minutes, accomplished
the feat from Box, Wiltshire, to
Hyde Park Corner, London, in 14
hours, 22 minutes, 10 seconds.

The weather was very wet and
the roads heavy, whilst his pro-
gress was impeded by the crowds.

New French Tennis Star.

London, Jan. 7.
Queen's Club defeated the Paris
Sporting Club at tennis by six
matches to five.
The feature of the contests was
the brilliant play of the young
French player, Thurneysen.

Inter-Varsity Hockey.

London, Jan. 7.
In the annual ice-hockey match
at St. Moritz, before a good at-
tendance, Cambridge defeated
Oxford by one goal to nil.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

EFFECT OF CHINESE NEW
YEAR.

The fortnightly Price Current
and Market Report, published by
the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce, states:

Cotton Piecegoods.—A small
business has been done in Black
Cotton, Venetians, Blue Satins,
White Lenos and Black and colour-
ed Velveteens. Enquiries have
been made for Limbries. Some
orders have been settled for
Japanese Jeans—grey and raised
back coloured woven striped Jeans,
there is very little doing in
staples: Stocks are low. Clearances
are very poor, owing to the approach
of Chinese New Year. Latest
quotations to hand are those of
the 10th inst. Eg. Sakel. 17.60d.
Mid. Amer. "Spot" 10.46d.

Cotton Yarn.—The position of
our market remains unchanged
and no sales have taken place
during the fortnight under review.
Nominal quotations are as fol-
lows: No. 10s. \$170/187. No. 12s.
\$175/185. No. 16s. \$185/190. No.
20s. \$190/195. Arrivals Nil.
Shipments Nil. Sales Nil. Unsold
stock 8,500 bales. Bargains 9,800
bales.

Woolens.—"Meltons" (Italy);
Suitings (Bradford); Overcoatings
(German); 80" Serge; Blankets
Scarlet; Wool Venetians; Cap
Tweeds. Orders have been settled
on the above this week and a
moderate business is in progress.
The market for woolens is fairly
good, but clearances are very poor
owing to the approach of Chinese
New Year. There are fair stocks
of Indigo Serges and Meltons.
Another report states:—"Consi-
dering the political developments
in Canton, there was a fair busi-
ness in Continental woolens,
during the fortnight. The trade
in British piece goods (Woolens)
is also to be considered fair hav-
ing regard to the Canton situa-
tion."

Raw Cotton.—No business to
report.

Metals.—Sales of wire nails
1 1/2 inch were reported at \$7.00
to \$7.20 (apart from those noted
in the next column). Reports
received are: "Business generally
very quiet." "Price nominal.
Owing to approach of holidays,
very little business passing." "No
reliable quotations are available.
Practically no business has been
done, local dealers being reluctant
to commit themselves to fresh
purchases before the Kwangtung
situation is cleared up."

Flour Market.—Stocks: Ameri-
can, 500,000 sacks; Canadian,
150,000 sacks; Australian, 10,000
sacks. Market: Quiet, nothing
doing. Quotations:—American Pa-
tent, \$4.25-4.30 per sack; American
Straight, \$2.90-3.30; Shanghai
Cut off, \$3.00-3.60; Shanghai
Flour, \$3.00-3.05 nominal; Australi-
an No. 1, \$3.40-3.60; Canadian
Cut off, \$2.90-3.10; Canadian
Straight, \$2.85-2.90; Canadian Mix-
ture, \$2.80, and Canadian 2nd
Clear, \$2.70.

ARMED ROBBERY.

RAID ON HOUSE IN WEST
POINT.

At 8.30 this morning an armed
robbery occurred at No. 76, Hill
Road in the district of West Point.

Six men who posed as men em-
ployed by the landlord of the build-
ing to wash the floor in prepara-
tion for the New Year Festival,
gained entry to the first floor
where they produced daggers and
bound up the tenants and their
servants. They then carried out
a search for valuables, and event-
ually escaped with \$100 worth of
money and other property.

By the time the police were noti-
fied, the robbers had made good
their escape.

Rugby Guessing Competitions.

London, Jan. 7.
The Rugby Union have issued a
statement deprecating the holding
of guessing competitions by Rugby
clubs in order to raise funds.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the
puzzle on another page.

F	A	T	E
D	A	T	E
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D	O	T	S
D	O	E	S
D	O	E	R
D	O	O	R
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OUR SERIAL STORY

THE MOATED GRANGE.

By KATHARINE TYNAN.

Author of "A Mad Marriage," "The House of Doom," "Denys the Dreamer."

CHAPTER XVII.

Mrs. de Burgh had not yet come upstairs. She had been engrossed in her novel, and there was a bright fire, which she found it difficult to leave. She was surprised by the apparition of Beata in her petticoat and dressing-jacket, her lovely hair tumbling over her shoulders.

"Why, child?" she began. "Oh, mumsie, it was so lonely upstairs, and Mrs. Cronch was so queer. Do you know, darling, I'm afraid I am getting a bit nervous. I just had to run to you."

"You've been off work," her mother said, drawing the girl to her fondly. "You know you miss it when you are not working; come and sit by me and be comforted."

Mrs. de Burgh put a comforting arm about her daughter's shoulders. "There are no such things as ghosts."

"If there had been I should have seen them. I have stayed in so many haunted houses. The wind can play such odd tricks. Do you remember at Glen Assaroe when there was a south wind storm, and it struck the south-east corner of the house? It was terrible. There were so many voices in it."

"Oh, nothing mattered at Glen Assaroe. One always knew it was the wind there."

"And here?"

"Oh, it is just silly! I want to be comforted, mumsie. I've lit your bedroom fire. Will you have me in your bed tonight?"

"Of course, dearie. You will be my baby again. It is being shut up by the snow that is affecting you. We've got house-nerves, and poor Mrs. Cronch is very depressing. I wish we could see those nice boys again. They would cheer us up. But the snow cannot last long. It is getting late for snow."

"I don't suppose they could get over here till there is a thaw," said Beata, and felt some comfort at the turn of the conversation.

That night Beata awoke to the moonlight in the room and Dash growling.

There was someone at the door—that was why Dash was growling. Her first idea was to awaken her mother. Before she could do it the door was pushed open, and Mrs. Cronch came in, talking to herself, in a queer monotonous voice.

So it was only Mrs. Cronch! Mere flesh and blood did not alarm Beata so long as it was something as harmless as Mrs. Cronch.

The low gabbling continued. Beata remembered that night when she had gone to help Mrs. Cronch and had got herself shut into the cellars. Perhaps she had wronged Cronch, thinking that she scolded. That low, unvarying, monotonous voice: it was voice of a sleep-walker.

She was out of bed with the discovery. Mrs. Cronch must not be allowed to go wandering about the house. She must be led gently, without waking her, back to her bedroom. Beata had learnt since that night that Mrs. Cronch slept in a little room beside the kitchen. She must have been sleep-walking that night when Beata had heard all the talk.

There was a flash of light by the bed. Beata switched it on carefully, keeping the light turned away from the sleep-walker. By the dim light it created she saw the heavy, almost misshapen figure of Mrs. Cronch standing in front of the glass.

What on earth was she doing? Beata turned off the light. There was enough moonlight to see by. She stood looking in blank bewilderment at Mrs. Cronch's broad back.

The woman was standing behind the chair before the glass in which Beata had sat earlier in the evening. She was "doing" something with her hands—it might be from their slow motion brushing someone's hair. It was uncanny.

While Beata watched, the woman's hands desisted from their slow, steady motion. She peered into the glass, and her fingers went clapping the air. They seemed to close on something, meeting together.

Then she threw back her head with a cry of such agony and terror as the girl who heard it could never forget.

Dash was growling and creeping about the room, sidling as close as he could get to the wall, his eyes fixed on the strange figure of Mrs. Cronch.

Mrs. Cronch began to scream and wring her hands, entreating someone for mercy.

Mrs. de Burgh rose and jumped out of bed. Beata met her with a constraining hand over her mouth. "She is asleep," she whispered. "She must not be awakened."

Mrs. Cronch turned and went out of the room as though she saw. They followed her, keeping at a little distance. She did not turn

towards her own room, but took instead the corridor which led round the house to her Ladyship's Wing.

Arrived at the door which shut off she felt about for the key. She passed her hands over the panels. Apparently she realised that the door was locked, for she shook it in a helpless, petulant way.

"Not to-night," she said, as though she were talking to herself. "He must have the keys. I should have got them from him, though he'd maybe strangle me if he woke up. I'd have liked to handle the pretty things, to make sure they were there."

She returned and came back, with a gait which would have been swift and running in anyone less clumsy, passing them by, unaware of their presence. She paused a second as though she would turn towards the hall door. Beata laid a very gentle hand on her arm, guiding her the right way.

The woman turned towards her and began speaking in an endearing voice. It was obvious that she was still fast asleep, but her eyes were wide open.

"Is it you, my little lamb?" she asked, in tones of a piercing tenderness. "Why would you be troubling love, an' you in Heaven with God, to be comin' to your sinful old mother?"

Her hand on the woman's arm, Beata guided her to her own room. A patch of moonlight lay on the floor, a great splash of silver. Mrs. Cronch looked at it as though she saw it; then, stooping, seemed to write on it with her finger. When she showed her face again in the moonlight she was smiling and her eyes glimmered wet.

"I promised you I'd be a good woman," she said, "and I won't break the promise. Ah! wasn't God good to give me you?"

Then she scrambled into her bed, and they went out, leaving her fast asleep.

Beata was about early in the morning, remembering that she had turned the key in Mrs. Cronch's door lest she should wander again.

As she turned back the key, she had been only just in time.

As she went back through the silent house, she paused a second by the window which overlooked the hall door steps. There had been more snow instead of the hoped-for rain in the night. The frozen surface had a soft coating.

Against the snow she saw something that startled her. There were footprints—the large, heavy footprints of a man. They were going away from the house towards the windmill.

After breakfast Cronch came back, with an explanation that he had been held up at the village by the snow. He had a sullen and bleared look as he went about his daily occupations, and Beata, going into the kitchen during the morning, surprised him in a ferocious rage with his wife, who had just dropped a tin with a tremendous clatter. His eyes were very red. He had been drinking Beata supposed, with a shudder of disgust. She wished Cronch had kept away. The house had been more cheerful without him.

Again, in the afternoon, he disappeared. Beata found Mrs. Cronch ironing some of her dainty things at a table in the kitchen, where a fire burned brightly and everything was clean and shining.

"Cronch has slipped off again," said Mrs. Cronch, looking up at her quite cheerfully. "He said he wouldn't be gone long. Maybe he won't, neither. Anyhow, I'm happy."

"Oh, I'm glad of that," Beata said. Her thoughts were rather full of those footprints going towards the windmill, but she said nothing. She did not want to frighten Mrs. Cronch.

"I am so glad you are happy," she said softly, and waited for the explanation which she saw was coming. Mrs. Cronch had laid the iron back on the tripod before the kitchen fire, and was standing bolt upright, her arms folded, evidently in a mood to talk.

"Cronch won't come to no harm, Miss Beata," she said. "God won't let him die in his sins. Because why? An angel of the Lord is prayin' for him, and that's his own sweet child. All the night, Miss Beata, love, I've dreamed of Nelly. She was as delicate and ladylike as yourself, though not growned like you. Just six she was when she was taken. We wasn't fit to have her, Cronch an' me—specially me. She was too good for us, and so God took her. We would never have been fit for her when she grewed up. You wouldn't think she could ha' come from me and Cronch. Sir Hilary, he said when we came to him first: 'This ain't never your daughter, Mrs. Cronch, nor yet Cronch's.' And I said: 'Yes, she be, sir,' and I said it quite proud-like. He looked as though he thought in his own mind: 'Well, I'm jiggered,'

"BURNS NIGHT."

WHAT SHANGHAI WILL DO.

The birthday anniversary of Scotland's foremost bard will be celebrated in a fitting manner by the Shanghai Scottish community on the evening of January 25, at the Lyceum Theatre, this year's "Burns Night" being the first observance of the occasion since 1925.

Through the kind permission of the officer in command, the 2nd Bn. Welch Regiment will give selections during the evening, as will the pipes and drums of the Shanghai Scottish. The programme will consist of old Scottish songs and the Committee of organization are fortunate in having secured the services of Mrs. McMeekin, Mrs. Duncan Graham, Mrs. W. Lyle, and Messrs. Murray Davies and H. Wallace as soloists. Mr. W. F. Johnston and Mr. Russell will be featured in recitations, and a one-act comedy entitled "The Dear Departed" produced by Mrs. Tait will be another item. Besides Mrs. Tait, who takes the leading part in the piece, the cast is comprised of Miss Margaret Ferguson, Mrs. W. Lyle and Messrs. F. Johnston, H. Wallace and James Macbeth.

A competition in the Highland Fling and Sword Dance will add considerable liveliness to the programme, and silver cups will be awarded as prizes to the winners, these cups having been donated for the competition by local enthusiasts.

Seats will be \$3, \$2 and \$1, and the proceeds will be devoted to the charity activities of St. Andrew's Society.

PACIFIC SHIPPING MERGER.

EIGHTY VESSELS INVOLVED.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.

President Roth of the Matson Company, to-day confirmed that the Matson Company and the American Hawaiian Line were contemplating a merger if successful in their joint bid for the vessels recently offered for sale by the Shipping Board.

Seattle, Jan. 6. The Post-Intelligencer sees the probability of a gigantic merger for the operation of 80 vessels on the Pacific in advance received here to-day stating that the American Hawaiian and the Matson companies were bidding jointly for the 38 ships which the Shipping Board recently advertised for sale.

The 32 vessels are being operated in the three major routes of the Pacific—the American Australia Orient, the American Oriental Mail and the Oregon Oriental lines. The bids will be opened by the Shipping Board on February 10.

or something of that, which, of course, he wouldn't say being a gentleman. So he says no more, only compassionate-like: 'You must take great care of her, Mrs. Cronch.' My heart felt when he said that, for well I knowed that he saw what I saw, that she wasn't for us."

At this point the brindled cat, which had been spitting at Dash from the top of a cupboard, sprang and alighted on Mrs. Cronch's head. Mrs. Cronch caught at him, with the result of frightening him still more. He clutched with his claws at her thin hair and the skin beneath it, thrusting the claws in so that the blood came.

Beata tried to intervene, and the cat clawed at her and bit. He was like a mad thing, apparently fearful that he was to be flung to Dash, who jumped up with his paws almost on Beata's shoulders, thinking that it was time for him to interfere.

Into the confusion came Cronch, bringing with him the sickly odour which Beata had begun to associate with his presence.

"Here, hold your blinkin' noise!" he snarled, addressing Mrs. Cronch and using a foul epithet.

Beata stood back disgusted and frightened. Apparently Cronch was not aware of her presence. He seized the cat and attempted to drag him from his wife's head while she screamed. The cat sprang at him and clawed his face, biting and scratching in its ferocity. Cronch caught it and flung it to a distance; then, following it, kicked it where it lay. The cat screamed in agony, and Beata lost all her fear of the man.

"You brute!" she cried. "You brute!"

"You shouldn't have brought your dog in here," Cronch said, turning his white face upon her. "The cat's my own, to do what I like with. I didn't mean to hurt him. He shouldn't have clawed me. There, I'm sorry, I liked the cat."

At that moment the hall-door bell pealed. Cronch had not heard it. He had shambled over and knelt down beside the cat, which was making a pitiful mewling. Beata looked at him with a mixture of pity and disgust. He was asking the cat's forgiveness for what he had done.

(To be continued.)

CHINESE CULTURE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

humanity in the light of its records, and not only to know that certain peoples do certain things and believe certain things but to understand why they do them and why they believe them.

Debt to Scholars.

The working world of to-day is apt to forget the tremendous debt it owes to scholars—those Chinese travellers for example who wandered about the hills of India searching for knowledge about Buddhism. Perhaps some of you have heard of the Hungarian scholar Alexander Csoma de Keros who came to India at the beginning of the 19th century possessing nothing but fired with the burning desire to find out the origin of his nation. He spent four years in a Buddhist monastery in Tibet and he explains in a perfectly simple and matter-of-fact way how in the winter he would sit covered in sheepskins with his manuscript in front of him, and how the cold was so intense that his fingers got frost bitten as he stretched them out from under the sheepskins to turn over the pages of the manuscript. From Tibet he came to Calcutta and worked for the Bengal Asiatic Society until he had collected enough money for his prolonged journey to Asia in search of the birth-place of the Hunas. He started but contracted fever in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas. He died in Darjeeling and there he lies to-day facing the eternal snows of Kinchinjunga.

China wants scholars like that, scholars whose whole beings are concentrated in one burning desire to know and understand. If you want money and comfort become a merchant. The scholar must be so absorbed in his task as to be careless of the morrow.

Annual Report.

The annual report, presented by the Headmaster, stated—Before reviewing the school work of 1927, I have to express my greatest regret for the loss of one gentleman who had helped the school considerably both as "Hok Tung" of the school and as member of the Board of Education. I mean Dr. Wan Man-kai. Dr. Wan, as you know, was one of the keenest education-promoters in the colony; and his clear understanding of the importance of such a school as ours and the sort of work it should undertake was highly esteemed by myself and the staff. It was as recently as the 23rd of last November that we met him at the Education Office when he took the keenest interest in reviewing the various subjects in our curriculum and in discussing with us the methods of teaching these subjects. The loss of him has therefore been most keenly felt by this school, and I can assure his family of our deepest sympathy and regret.

During the school year, there have been certain changes in the staff. Miss U. Gubbins joined us in February, but left in April on medical advice. In her place we welcome Dr. John Fenton who came in May and successfully took up the responsibility of teaching much of the English work. At the beginning of the year, Dr. Au Tai-yuen took up the post vacated by the resignation of Dr. Au Tai-tin. Since last January, the staff has been strengthened by an additional member in the person of Mr. Loh Hei-tong, a well-known authority in South China on Chinese historical geography.

The maximum enrolment of the year was 178, and average attendance 165.84, as against 150 and 136.89 respectively for the previous year.

The school was regularly inspected by the Director of Education in February, June and October; and, on his second inspection we were honoured by the company of Dr. S. W. Tso and the late Dr. Wan Man-kai, both gentlemen being "Hok Tung" of the school. Chinese members on the Board of Education, and above all, keen supporters and well-wishers of our institution. New entrants of the year and the school premises were medically inspected by Dr. E. M. Minett whose advice has been much appreciated.

Messrs. Fung Ping-shan and Li Yik-mui, in the name of a body of Chinese friends interested in our school, continued their usual generosity by giving scholarships for each per annum to students obtaining the highest position in entrance and annual examinations and to those who would otherwise be financially unable to come to study. We have to thank these gentlemen also for their kind gift of some useful furniture and a set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica in its latest edition.

In December, our "final" students in the Middle School Division sat for a special examination conducted by the University of Hongkong. This examination was created only this year, and is called "The Government Vernacular Middle School Final Examination." It is our hope that the successful candidates in this examination will ultimately be accepted as having shown that they possess the qualifications necessary for admission into the Chinese Faculty of the Department of Chinese Studies in the Hongkong University, in the event of its establishment.

Of the five students we sent four turned out successful, one obtaining distinction in Mathematics. Two of our Normal students also passed their final examination conducted by Government Examiners and are this morning to receive vernacular teacher certificates.

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BANKRUPTCIES.

JUDGE'S RULING UPON DISCHARGES.

In view of the large number of bankrupts who have not applied for their discharge, His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) read the following ruling while sitting in Bankruptcy Court to hear a number of cases on Saturday:

"My attention has been attracted to the small proportion of cases in which bankrupts in this Colony apply for orders of discharge, as appears from the following table:

Year.	No. of Orders.	No. of Applications For Discharge.
1918	23	5
1919	10	4
1920	9	4
1921	7	2
1922	5	4
1923	6	2
1924	3	—
1925	10	—
1926	37	1
1927	16	3

"By section 27 (sub-section 1) of the Bankruptcy Ordinance of 1891, a bankrupt may, at any time after being adjudged bankrupt, apply to the Court for an order of discharge, though the application is not to be heard until the public examination of the bankrupt is concluded.

Law's Provisions.

"These provisions have been adopted from the English Bankruptcy Law; but by sub-section 2 of section 27, aforesaid, there are in operation in this Colony other and further provisions which are peculiar to it and state that when the bankrupt does of his own accord, within such time as the Court may deem reasonable, apply for his discharge, the Court may, of its own motion or on the application of the trustee or of any creditor who has proved, make an order calling upon the bankrupt to come up for his discharge on a day to be fixed by the Court.

Cases Before 1928.

"The powers given to the Court, trustees in bankruptcy, and creditors by section 27 (sub-section 2) of the Bankruptcy Ordinance of 1891, have not been carried out, with the results shown in the table given above and I have, after careful consideration of the subject, come to the decision that for the future steps must be taken to bring these powers into effective operation. If, as regards any bankruptcy proceedings commenced on and after January 1, 1928, a bankrupt does not apply for his discharge within such time as the Court deems reasonable, the Court will consider the advisability of taking action under 27 (sub-section 2) of the Ordinance. With respect to proceedings in bankruptcy commenced before the above mentioned date, the Court does not propose to act on its own motion, unless circumstances are special; but this abstention on the part of the Court will not in any way affect the right of any trustee in bankruptcy, or creditor to take proceedings under the section."

of modern subjects and of the English language, this school has, it is gratifying to note, the tendency to influence the curriculum of private Vernacular Higher Primary Schools and Middle School Classes in this Colony which aim at working along our lines. I have been approached by headmasters of several vernacular schools for a copy of our syllabus and timetable with a view to preparing students for our Middle School Division, and two schools with middle school classes did the same in order to prepare students for the Government Vernacular Middle School Final Examination which has not been limited to students of this school.

In the sphere of sports, the school has done particularly well this year. Games continued to be popular and football, volleyball, basket ball and ping pong, all show great signs of improvement and attract a good number of enthusiasts. This year we were able to send in a volleyball team to compete for the Senior Shield, and although handicapped by want of space for training, we were still able to win many games and score a great number of points. Coming to football, we played altogether more than twenty friendly matches with schools and clubs outside; we lost only five games and won all the rest. Our ping pong team is the strongest of all; many schools came to challenge us, but we remained invincible all the year round. The ping pong tournament held in December inside the school was as successful as last year, creating a great deal of interest among the boys. At the beginning of this year we had an excursion to Tai Tam reservoir and shortly after the summer vacation, through the kindness of Sir Robert Ho Tung, we had a picnic to his farm at Sheung-shui. On both occasions we had enjoyable days.

The health of the school has been satisfactory on the whole. Though the school is young in age, we have before us a great vision of development and success—a vision we believe to be convincingly real, when we see the ever-increasing and enthusiastic support shown by guardians and the public as a whole.



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TELEVISION.

RESULTS AT NEW YORK DEMONSTRATION.

New York, Jan. 14.
A number of scientists yesterday evening witnessed a demonstration designed to prove that television is almost sufficiently advanced for general introduction into the home.

On the machine a small plate was shown which presently became luminous and the face of a man manipulating a machine at an electrical works three miles away grew visible. He was smoking a cigar and the smoke was seen ascending. Moreover, his remarks were distinctly heard.

The face of a young woman then appeared. She was playing a mandoline, the notes of which were clearly audible. When she showed a book its illustrations were plainly visible.

It is admitted that the apparatus is not yet ready for the market, but it is stated to be an advancement on anything hitherto discovered.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MISSIONS LOOTED.

FENG YU-HSIANG'S POLICY.

Peking, Jan. 14.
The statement by General Feng Yu-hsiang that foreign imperialists in his territory will henceforth meet with unreserved opposition and refers to Canadian and other missionaries in Honan, to which this policy seems already to have been carried out. Anyhow, authentic news has reached Peking that the Kuomintang recently looted the premises of many Canadian Presbyterian missionaries who evacuated Honan in the spring on the advance of Feng Yu-hsiang's forces. One instance is a girl's boarding school which was fitted up this year with new beds, bedding, equipment and books. It was looted and burned. Similarly, elsewhere, missionaries report that personal and mission property has been stolen or destroyed. The Canadians also state that many converts have been despoiled and ill-treated, some being tortured and killed.—*Reuter.*

THE PRAYER BOOK.

THE PREMIER'S INTEREST.

London, Jan. 14.
The Conference of Bishops at Lambeth Palace ended yesterday and an official statement was issued, stating: "The House of Bishops has agreed on a measure for introduction into the National Church Assembly, forthwith. This measure will be in accordance with the statement published by two Archbishops on December 23, and contain such changes as may tend to remove misapprehensions and to make clearer and more explicit the intentions and limitations of the original measure."

The Premier called at Lambeth Palace yesterday to confer with the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Archbishop was indisposed, suffering from a slight chill.—*British Wireless.*

THOMAS HARDY'S FUNERAL.

HIS HEART FOR WESSEX.

London, Jan. 14.
An eleventh hour alteration in the arrangements for the burial of Thomas Hardy was made last night. It was decided to place the famous novelist's heart in the churchyard of Stinsford, near Dorchester and to inter the ashes in Westminster Abbey.

The decision represents a compromise between the views of Hardy's own people in Dorsetshire, including several relations, who desired him to be buried in his own countryside, and those who took the view that the great writer belonged not to Wessex alone but to the whole nation. The decision is in keeping with Hardy's own wish. The opening words of his will were: "I desire to be buried in Stinsford Church." The doctor removed the heart last night.

Numerous other instances of the burial of the heart apart from the body are recorded by history, but such cases have been very rare in modern times. The tragic fate of the poet Shelley is recalled. When Shelley's body was cast ashore near Viareggio, in July, 1822, it was for a time buried in sand. Later, in the presence of Byron, Hunt and Trelawney, it was cremated to permit interment of the ashes in the Protestant Cemetery at Rome. The heart, which would not burn, was snatched from the flames by Trelawney. It was given to Mary Shelley, and is now at Bournemouth.—*British Wireless.*

The Pail-Bearers.

London, Jan. 15.
It is officially stated that the pail-bearers at the funeral of Thomas Hardy at Westminster Abbey on Monday will be the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, and the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. Mr. Riddell Kipling, Sir James Barrie, Mr. Bernard Shaw, Mr. John Galsworthy, Sir Edmund Gosse and Professor A. E. Housman (for the Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, and the Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge).—*Reuter.*

ARTIFICIAL SILK.

PROSPERITY OF THE GERMAN INDUSTRY.

Frankfurt-on-Main, Jan. 14.
An extraordinary general meeting of the Farberindustries has sanctioned an issue of 250,000,000 marks in convertible bonds, carrying interest of at least 6 per cent, redeemable at the latest, by 1945.

It is stated that the company is now ranked second among the artificial silk producers of Germany. Five thousand kilogrammes of viscose are produced daily at its Wolfen works, and three other factories are being constructed whose daily output will also be 5,000 kilogrammes each.

The production of Uceat silk, at present 3,000 kilogrammes daily, will also be increased to 5,000 kilogrammes.—*Reuter.*

GIRL-BANDIT.

SENSATIONAL COUP IN SHANGHAI.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 13.
Manipulating her automatic pistols with the utmost nonchalance, a Chinese bobbed-haired bandit was the leading figure in a sensational raid to-day.

The girl had eight male desperados assisting in the operation. Their victims were a Chinese family in the Chinese city. The raid was daringly carried out at midnight and yielded loot of cash and jewellery.

NO Highbrows.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A PROHIBITION AGENT.

Washington, Jan. 14.
The Prohibition Commissioner, Mr. Ryan, is distressed because fifteen hundred out of his force of two thousand agents failed to pass the 'Civil Service examination, recently required of them.

Mr. Ryan fears that the dismissal of the delinquents may be ordered, and asks whether an easier examination is not possible. He says he could not have passed this examination himself and expresses the opinion that the men should be accepted owing to their character, experience and personality, not because they can pass a written test.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMAN POLITICS.

A MOMENTOUS STEP.

Berlin, Jan. 14.
Among the numerous ministers of a dozen Cabinets since the revolutions Herr Gessler alone has maintained his position throughout and has been continuously the centre of the most fierce controversies. He stood to his guns indomitably but finally was compelled to acknowledge his inability to deal with the critics of the forthcoming army estimates. Gessler is palpably the victim of physical afflictions accentuated by the death of his father and mother and two most promising sons within a year.

Friction is alleged to have occurred recently between the Ministries of War and Foreign Affairs over munitions discovered at Kiel. The resignation is momentous not only an account of the War Ministry's influence on foreign policy but because of Gessler's great personal influence over Marshal Hindenburg.—*Reuter.*

[These munitions are believed to have been intended for China.]

U.S. CHEMICALS.

FOREIGN SYNDICATES' PROGRESS.

Washington, Jan. 14.
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THIRD ROUND OF ENGLISH CUP.

Full results of the English Cup and League matches, played on Saturday as enabled by Reuters, are given below.

The English Cup.

Middlesbrough	3	South Shields	0
Rotherham	3	Exeter	3
London Cals.	3	Crewe	3
Ilford	1	Leicester	0
Walspool	4	Derby	0
Walsleyfield	4	Lincoln	0
Southport	3	Fulham	0
Notts. Forest	1	Tranmere	0
Blackpool	1	Oldham	0
Manchester U.	7	Brentford	1
Stoke	6	Gillingham	1
Cardiff	2	West Brom.	0
Cheltenham	1	Bury	1
Wrexham	2	Swansea	1
Wednesday	3	Bournemouth	0
Bristol C.	1	Tottenham	2
Preston N.E.	0	Everton	0
Port Vale	3	Barnsley	0
Millwall	1	Derby	0
Notts. Cnty.	2	Sheff. U.	1
Bolton	1	Luton	1
Birmingham	4	Peterborough	1
New Brighton	2	Corinthians	3
Sunderland	3	Norwich	0
Manchester C.	1	Leeds	0
Blackburn	4	Newcastle	1
Swindon	2	Clapton O.	1
Portsmouth	0	Grimsby	0
Reading	0	Aston Villa	0
Barnley	0	Sheff. Wed.	0
Wolves	2	Chelsea	1

Div. (III South).

Covey	5	Torquay	1
Motherwell	1	Plymouth	4
Newport	2	Norwich	2
Q. P. Rangers	3	Southend	2
Walsall I.	1	Crystal Pal.	1
Watford	3	Brighton	3

Div. III (North).

Ashington	5	Rochdale	1
Bradford C.	4	Durham	0
Cherfield	3	Accrington	0
Doncaster	4	Barnsley	1
Hartlepool	5	Bradford	1
Hull	5	Nelson	1
Wigan	1	Stockport	3

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	6	Clyde	0
Airdrieonians	2	Rangers	7
Bohemia	2	Hibernians	1
Celtic	0	Dunfermline	0
Cowdenbeath	3	Hamilton	0
Hearts	4	Queen's Park	2
Motherwell	3	Kilmarnock	0
Partick T.	5	Ruth R.	1
St. Johnstone	5	Thistle	0
St. Mirren	8	Falkirk	2

League Tables.

The following tables show the positions of the teams in Saturday's matches having been taken into account in their compilation.

Division I.

Everton	25	14	6	5	68	38	34
Huddersfield	24	13	4	7	59	40	30
Leicester	26	11	7	8	66	44	29
Blackburn	25	9	7	7	47	27	27
Liverpool	24	9	8	7	56	43	26
Arsenal	23	10	6	7	50	47	25
Cardiff	21	9	8	7	42	43	24
Newcastle	21	9	7	8	50	43	23
Tottenham	21	10	6	7	47	40	22
Bury	20	12	1	12	46	50	21
Middlesbrough	20	8	8	9	54	62	20
Sheff. U.	20	9	10	4	41	51	24
Burnley	20	18	2	12	47	57	24
Bolton	20	9	9	5	46	36	23
Derby	20	8	7	9	59	53	23
Sunderland	20	8	7	8	42	43	22
Manchester U.	20	10	13	1	41	43	21
West Ham	20	10	13	1	41	43	21
Aston Villa	20	8	12	4	40	46	20
Birmingham	20	6	10	9	38	40	20
Portsmouth	20	6	12	12	38	41	18
Wednesday	20	4	12	40	63	16	

Division II.

Manchester C.	24	16	3	5	61	37	35
Chelsea	23	14	6	3	47	21	34
Leeds	24	15	3	6	63	28	33
Preston	24	13	6	8	48	39	32
Oldham	23	12	6	5	48	25	31
Stoke	22	12	6	5	47	34	30
Notts. Forest	22	12	6	5	47	34	29
Bristol C.	24	11	4	9	49	42	26
West Brom.	24	9	7	8	42	45	25
Grimsby	24	9	7	8	44	50	25
Port Vale	23	11	2	10	41	36	24
Swansea	24	9	10	4	48	43	23
Hull	23	7	9	28	32	32	
Notts. County	24	7	10	41	43	22	
Barnsley	24	7	10	36	50	21	
Reading	24	7	11	36	47	20	
Clapton O.	23	8	11	37	42	20	
Fulham	23	8	12	38	53	17	
Wolves	24	6	13	36	55	17	
Southampton	24	6	13	36	55	16	
Blackpool	25	6	15	42	65	12	
St. Shields	24	2	17	45	75	9	

Division III (South).

Millwall	23	10	3	4	72	32	35
Norwich	23	14	2	5	58	32	30
Exeter	22	11	3	4	43	26	30
Plymouth	23	13	3	7	52	34	29
Charlton	21	9	7	3	31	20	27
Swindon	19	10	5	4	41	37	26
N. Brighton	23	10	5	4	47	41	25
Q. P. Rangers	22	10	4	8	31	20	24
Newport	22	9	7	4	40	37	24
Southend	21	11	1	9	39	35	23
Crystal P.	22	7	8	6	45	35	23
Brentford	22	7	8	6	45	35	23
Bournemouth	22	8	6	9	39	39	21
Norwich	22	7	6	9	44	40	20
Covey	22	8	4	10	42	50	20
Gillingham	21	5	7	9	33	44	17
Motherwell	24	5	7	12	34	51	17
Bristol R.	23	7	8	13	43	57	17
Watford	22	6	4	12	37	44	16
Walsall	23	6	14	31	32	15	
Torquay	22	4	12	22	55	14	
Luton	21	5	13	47	49	13	

Division III (North).

Bradford	23	10	2	5	66	24	37
Doncaster	23	15	4	4	51	18	34
Tranmere	21	11	6	4	49	28	34
Lincoln	24	12	4	4	47	28	33
Stockport	22	12	3	7	42	29	32
Hullfax	24	10	7	4	48	37	31
Accrington	23	9	6	4	45	35	30
Wrexham	23	11	3	9	37	35	29
Hartlepool	25	10	6	10	43	45	28
Bradford C.	23	8	7	6	38	36	27
Rochdale	22	11	10	4	47	40	23
Southport	23	10	11	4	48	43	22
Darlington	22	9	4	9	40	37	22

YACHTING.

CHAMPIONSHIP RACE ON SATURDAY.

The seventh championship race for racing yachts took place on Saturday over a course from (1) North fairway Buoy (S) to (2) Cust Rocks Buoy (S), a distance of 7.0 miles. The results were:

H'rap Class, Start at 2.20 p.m.

Finishing Time	Corrected Time	Position
Diana	5.06.23	6
Colleen	5.07.43	4
Holha	5.09.11	3
Palcon	5.10.25	5
La Linda	5.06.49	2
Argo II	5.11.40	5
Dorothy	5.03.55	1

I and G. Class, Start at 2.30 p.m.

Daphne	5.14.49	5.14.40	1
Alisa	5.15.42	5.15.42	3
Halcyon	5.15.22	5.15.22	2
Gael	5.36.45	5.31.03	4
Pierrette	5.43.29	5.40.19	6
Thecla	5.39.32	5.30.02	5
Viking	5.53.35	5.45.21	7
Joan	5.58.39	5.52.57	8

Y. Class, Start at 2.35 p.m.

Why	5.40.46	5.40.46	5
Wonder	5.35.50	5.35.50	3
Blueson	5.47.00	5.47.00	4
Boonum	5.36.49	5.36.49	2
Adele	5.35.36	5.35.36	2
Adnan	5.46.11	5.46.11	6
Lola	5.39.39	5.34.35	1

Yesterday's Race.

Yesterday's races, which occupied both morning and afternoon resulted in a good win for the R.H.K. Yacht Club over the Army by 112 points to 99.

The results were:

Course	Start	Club	Line	West to East	Yemum	Points
Why Wonder	15	Wings	11	11	11	11
Blueson	10	Adnan	5	5	5	5
Lola	3	Daphne	12	12	12	12
Ailsa	13	Pierrette	6	6	6	6
Gael	2	Viking	4	4	4	4
Joan	7	Thecla	1	1	1	1
	59					47

R.H.K.Y.C. Army.

Yacht	Points	Yacht	Points
Why Wonder	15	Wings	11
Blueson	10	Adnan	5
Lola	3	Daphne	12
Ailsa	13	Pierrette	6
Gael	2	Viking	4
Joan	7	Thecla	1
	59		47
	112		99

Afternoon Race.

Course: Start—Lyemum Line S. West to N. East. Mark in Little Sai Wan Bay (P). Lyemum Beacon (P). Lyemum Line Mark (P). Lyemum Beacon (P). Finish—Club Line East to West. Distance: 5 miles.

R.H.K.Y.C. Army.

Yacht	Points	Yacht	Points
Why Wonder	15	Wings	11
Blueson	10	Adnan	5
Lola	3	Daphne	12
Ailsa	13	Pierrette	6
Gael	2	Viking	4
Joan	7	Thecla	1
	59		47
	112		99

Morning Race.

Why Wonder	15	Wings	11
Blueson	10	Adnan	5
Lola	3	Daphne	12
Ailsa	13	Pierrette	6
Gael	2	Viking	4
Joan	7	Thecla	1
	59		47
	112		99

Total 112 99

CHESS TOURNEY.

The entries for the Chess Championship of the Colony closed on Saturday. There is an even larger number of competitors than anticipated by the committee and it is possible, therefore, that the tournament this year will have to be only one round. There are several new competitors, most of whom are the younger members of the Kowloon Chess Club.

The following names were received: Sir H. H. Pollock, C. M. Sequeira (Alder, 1925 and 1927), D. E. Garvalho, H. W. Randall, S. L. Hussain, J. S. Smith, C. E. Wong, J. C. Paers, Horace Lo and C. Chen.

One or two applications have been made by seniors, men, who will not be returning to the Colony till sometime during the week. They have already signified their intention of entering and should they return before the draw is made it is understood that they will be allowed to compete.

The attention of competitors is drawn to next Friday's Chess Notes when the rules governing the tournament will be published.

COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

Chesterfield	24	8	6	10	40	44	22
N. Brighton	21	7	5	9	33	34	19
Crewe	23	6	7	10	42	48	19
Rotherham	22	6	10	35	37	18	
Nelson	22	7	3	44	70	17	
Durham	24	6	13	32	58	17	
Ashington	24	5	7	12	36	17	
Wigan	23	5	13	28	53	15	
Barrow	24	4	6	14	30	14	

Scottish League.

Scottish League.							
Rangers	24	18	4	2	77	24	40
Motherwell	25	16	0	3	60	28	38
Celtic	24	16	6	3	64	21	36
Hearts	25	14	4	7	57	33	32
Kilmarnock	25	11	7	7	47	49	29
St. Mirren	25	11	5	9	61	47	27
Partick	25	12	3	9	51	54	26
Aberdeen	20	12	3	11	48	47	27
Cowdenbeath	25	11	5	9	44	46	27
Falkirk	25	12	2	11	50	41	26
Hibernians	25	10	6	11	45	45	25
St. Johnstone	25	10	6	11	47	50	25
Airdrie	25	7	8	10	39	49	22
Dundee	25	9	4	12	41	52	22
Queen's Park	25	7	8	10	39	49	22
Hamilton	25	7	4	14	47	58	22
Raith R.	24	6	5	13	43	48	22
Clyde	25	7	3	15	32	52	22
Bo'ness	24	6	2	18	29	61	21
Dunfermline	25	3	2	20	26	80	21



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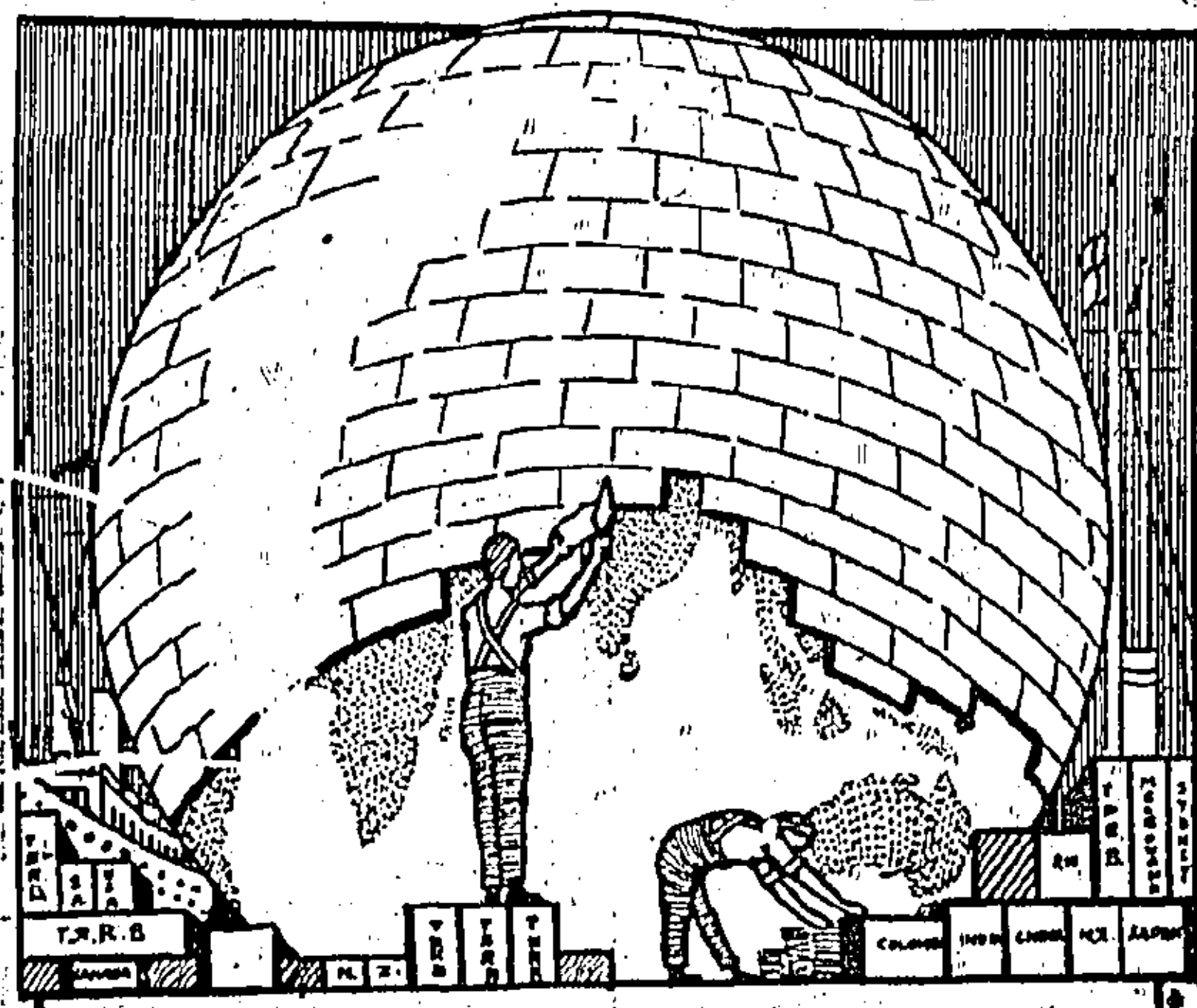
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FANLING GOLF.

UNITED SERVICES BEAT THE CLUB.

A match between representatives of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club and the United Services was played over the old course at Fanling yesterday, the Services winning fairly easily. In the morning foursomes, the Services secured three of the four matches, and in the afternoon they won three singles to the Club two, thus making their total six points against 3. The details are as follows:

Foursomes:

T. D. E. Pendered and L. R. Andrews lost to Hope and Cecil 2 and 1. Capt. Bloxham and H. V. Sheldon lost to Capt. Erskine and Tyingham 6 and 4. G. Murray and C. C. Stark beat Hunt and Hale 4 and 2.

F. J. de Rome and F. A. Redmond lost to Bowie and Macdonald.

Singles:

Pendered beat Hope 1 up. Andrews lost to Cecil 7 and 5. Bloxham and Erskine, all square. Murray and Tyingham, all square. Stark beat Macdonald 2 and 1. Sheldon lost to Hale 4 and 3. de Rome lost to Bowie 2 and 1. Redmond and Hunt, all square.

Governor's Shield Final.

In the final of the Governor's Shield, the A.P.C. beat the Canadian Pacific Railways by the narrow margin of 1 up. The C.P.R. got into the final by defeating the University 5 and 3 and the A.P.C. beat the P.W.D. 3 and 2.

Captain's Cup.

In the third round of the Captain's Cup, A. E. Lissaman beat L. R. Andrews 4 and 3. D. Forbes beat A. E. Wood 4 and 2. F. J. de Rome beat D. J. Gilmore 3 and 2. T. S. Whyte Smith beat W. Ironside 2 and 1.

G. M. Young Cup.

The following are the results in the G. M. Young Cup: Taihook beat Union Insurance, A.P.C. beat Chartered Bank, Jardine Matheson and Company beat Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., and Dodwell and Co. beat the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Remedios Wins Kowloon Club Championship.

The Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club was played at Kowloon City yesterday, the two contestants being F. E. Remedios and J. D. Thomson. The former after a very close morning round, won by seven up and five to play.

Remedios was steady throughout, whereas his opponent, who had played consistently in the morning, gave a rather indifferent display in the afternoon, and lost on the 34th green. The first eighteen holes were evenly contested as can be judged by the fact that at no time was either player more than one hole up on his opponent. The golf was excellent and often reached a high standard. After the first eighteen holes Remedios turned one up, having finished the round in 75, Thomson was only two strokes behind doing the first round in 77.

After winning the first hole in the afternoon, thus making matters all square again, Thomson lost the next five. He fell off greatly after the fifth interval and lost the match with five more holes to play.

BOXING.

SELECTING TUNNEY'S NEXT OPPONENT.

New York, Jan. 14. In a 12 rounds heavyweight fight in the eliminating series to decide Tunney's challenger Tom Heene (New Zealand) and Jack Sharkey (American) boxed a draw.

Heene unexpectedly gave a fine display and confounded the critics. Sharkey started favorite at 2-1, but was outboxed in the third to the seventh when Heene piled up a substantial lead on points. Sharkey only saving the fight by a rally in the last five rounds.

The decision was booed by a large section of the 120,000 spectators, who considered that Heene's British bulldog aggressiveness earned him victory. —Reuter.

M.C.C. TOUR.

HEAVY DEFEAT FOR BORDER ELEVEN.

East London, S. A., Jan. 14. The M. C. C. Tourists played a Border team and won by an innings and 100 runs. The visitors won the toss and elected to field.

In their first innings the South Africans made 146 runs, Freeman taking eight wickets for 48, while in their second attempt they were dismissed for 107, Astill capturing five wickets for 23 runs.

The M. C. C. made 365 in their first innings and declared with only five wickets down. Hammond, the Gloucester batsman, scored 166 not out. —Reuter.

AMERICAN TARIFFS.

FARMERS AGAIN IMPORTUNATE.

Washington, Jan. 14. The announcement has been made in the House of Representatives that a determined move will be made to force the consideration of tariffs in view of an increase in the import schedules of agricultural products. —Reuter's American Service.

THE IRISH ARMY.

TERRITORIAL FORCE TO BE RECRUITED.

London, Jan. 14. Big changes in the Irish Free State Army are to take place.

As foreshadowed by President Cosgrave some time ago, the Government has now decided on the recruitment of a territorial force with a view to cutting down the standing army to the lowest possible minimum.

Four thousand men between the ages of eighteen and thirty-four are to be called on to join immediately the new force, which is styled "B" Class Reserve. They will be required to serve from one to three months in the army, and six years in the reserve.

Although only four thousand recruits are asked for at once, it is expected that within a few months double, or probably treble, this number will join the new force. It is hoped gradually to reduce the standing army to a small standard body of men, composed principally of instructors and first class troops.

In the first year of its existence during the Civil War, the army of the Free State cost ten million sterling. This has been reduced gradually, until this year, when

BRITISH HOSIERY.

Opposition to a Demand for Protection.

London, Jan. 14.

In the course of a hearing before the Board of Trade Committee of an application for a safeguarding duty on imported hosiery, merchants who opposed the application spoke of the prosperity of the British hosiery industry.

The buyer of a big Leeds firm said he had not known trade so prosperous in his thirty years' experience. In ladies' stockings in recent years British artificial silk had almost entirely displaced foreign silk and hosiery. In the ladies' underwear department, this country did not buy more than five per cent of foreign goods.

British purchases of foreign goods during the past ten years had declined year by year. In 1913 foreign purchases amounted to approximately fifty per cent, and to-day they did not exceed ten per cent. —British Wireless.

The estimated expenditure was two million. It is estimated that the new scheme will effect a further reduction to one and a half million. —British Wireless.

RADIO AND CABLES.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE BEGINS TO-DAY.

London, Jan. 14.

The Empire conference on cable and wireless systems, which the Postmaster General announced recently had been called by Great Britain, will begin on Monday.

Sir John Gilmour, Secretary for Scotland, will act as Chairman, and Mr. Samuel, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, will be Great Britain's other representative. The Dominions, India and Crown Colonies will all be represented.

The Conference owes its origin to the remarkable progress which has been made by wireless communication since the introduction of the beam system.

The Prime Minister of Australia recently stated that during the first six months of its work the beam wireless service in Australia had carried 45 per cent. of the traffic formerly put over the Pacific cable.

The Government of the Empire are concerned in the question because, while some of them are interested in wireless services, they are all substantially interested financially in cables. The Imperial cable which crosses the Atlantic is

THE CHINA FLEET.

H.M.S. KENT TO RELIEVE HAWKINS.

London, Jan. 14.

Commanded by Captain Wolfo Murray, H.M.S. Kent has been selected to relieve H.M.S. Hawkins as the flagship of the China Station.

The Kent is a new 10,000 ton cruiser armed with eight 6-inch and four 4-inch guns, and has a speed of 33 knots.

The cruisers Berwick, Suffolk, sister ships of the Kent, are in process of fitting out and are destined for the China Station. Hence by the middle of the year the Fifth Cruiser Squadron will consist of a homogeneous group of the most modern and most powerful cruisers.

Orders have been issued for the cruiser Concord to leave England on February 15 on a troping voyage to the China Station, carrying relief crews for the gunboats on the Yangtze and West Rivers. —Reuter.

a Government-owned system, while the Pacific cable is jointly owned by Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, who are responsible for finding money to cover any losses that may be incurred in its working, just as they share in any surplus that may be available. —British Wireless.



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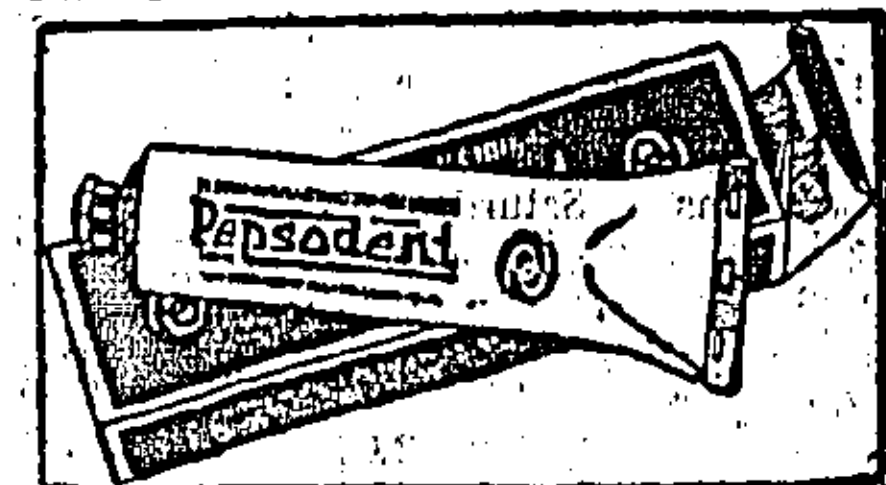
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NELLORE	6,853	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	M'los, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KARMALA	9,123	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
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NELLORE	6,853	17 Jan. 6 a.m.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	6,949	21st Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,123	11th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
INAGORE	5,283	17th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ILAHORE	5,282	12th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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OPENING OF HOTEL RIVIERA.

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It is to be regretted that the number of rooms is limited and there are only twenty-two rooms at present in the building, but what they lack in number is made up in luxury. Nothing has been left undone that will detract from the perfect comfort of each room. Most of the rooms are provided with individual bath-rooms, completely fitted out, with hot and cold water laid on at all hours. In the rooms also the carpets, as in other parts of the building, help in the scheme of decoration to make each room perfect. The furniture for the rooms was made in Hongkong specially for the Hotel Riviera and cost was second consideration. At ordinary times there is accommodation for forty-two persons, but when visitors are so minded to sleep three or four in double rooms and two in single rooms, the capacity is increased to almost eighty. One noteworthy feature of the rooms is their great size and airiness in which respect the Hotel Riviera is at a great advantage in comparison with most other hotels in South China.

Sanitation.
The kitchen is furnished almost entirely in metal, the most sanitary arrangements only being provided. The cooking range is of heavy cast iron and can at ordinary times provide food for two hundred guests, though it is not expected that the hotel will be called upon to provide food for more than one hundred and fifty persons at a time.

Hot water circulating through the building is heated in a special boiler, and water for the plumbing system is secured from two wells, specially sunk at the back of the hotel. Potable water is secured from the Macao water supplies and is filtered before use.

The upholstery throughout the building and the carpets were supplied by Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co., of Hongkong, being laid down under the personal supervision of Mr. H. E. Scriven.

The electrical fittings have been supplied by Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. and Messrs. Anderson, Meyer and Co. of Hongkong.

Part of the cutlery and silverware have been supplied by Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. of Hongkong, and much of which, however, will shortly be delivered.

Messrs. Albert Pick and Co., of Chicago, have furnished the crockery and household linen.

The well-known Hongkong architects, Messrs. Palmer and Turner, are responsible for the designs of the decorations and the plans of the remodelled building. The decorative scheme in the lobby was of their suggestion and is probably the most attractive part of the building.

Among the congratulatory messages received was one from Mr. P. R. Chichester reading: "All members of my staff European and Chinese join me most heartily in wishing your Riviera Hotel thundering success."

EARTHQUAKES.

TWO SHOCKS IN BELGIUM.
Brussels, Jan. 14.

Two earthquake shocks occurred last night in the east part of the province of Liege, north of Luxembourg, and in the neighbourhood of Brussels. There was no serious damage and no casualties are reported.—Reuter.

SHIP SALE.

HAI MUN KNOCKED DOWN
FOR \$46,000.

The steamship Hai Mun was put up for auction at Messrs. Lamert's Auction Rooms on Saturday, by order of the Court, and after spirited bidding, was knocked down at \$46,000, at which sum she represents a fair bargain. Messrs. Lee and Russ handled the sale.

The vessel was put up with a reserve, the lot consisting of the ship as she lay in harbour, together with all her machinery, engines, boilers, stores, implements, awnings, ropes, anchors, cables, chains, furniture, fittings and all appurtenances belonging. Her dimensions and capacity are as follows: Length, 239'7"; Breadth, 35'0"; Depth, 19'0"; Gross Tonnage, 1314; Net Tonnage, 641. A motor boat and 50 tons of coal on board were included in the lot, after discussion between the parties concerned.

The opening price was \$20,000, with minimum bids of \$500. All raises, however, were made at \$1,000, and the price quickly rose by these steps to the \$40,000 mark, there then being a slackening. At \$40,000, the bid of \$46,000 was made by Mr. Ng Lo Chee of 87 Connaught Road West, and after certification of the cheque, presented to the satisfaction of the Court official, the sale was concluded as stated above.

The Hai Mun was built in 1896 by Hamilton's, Glasgow, and engaged by Hutson and Co. of the same port. In her earlier days, she was regarded as something of a crack, having a speed of about 14 knots. She has had a varied career and has changed hands more than once, but has always been employed in the East without any change of name.

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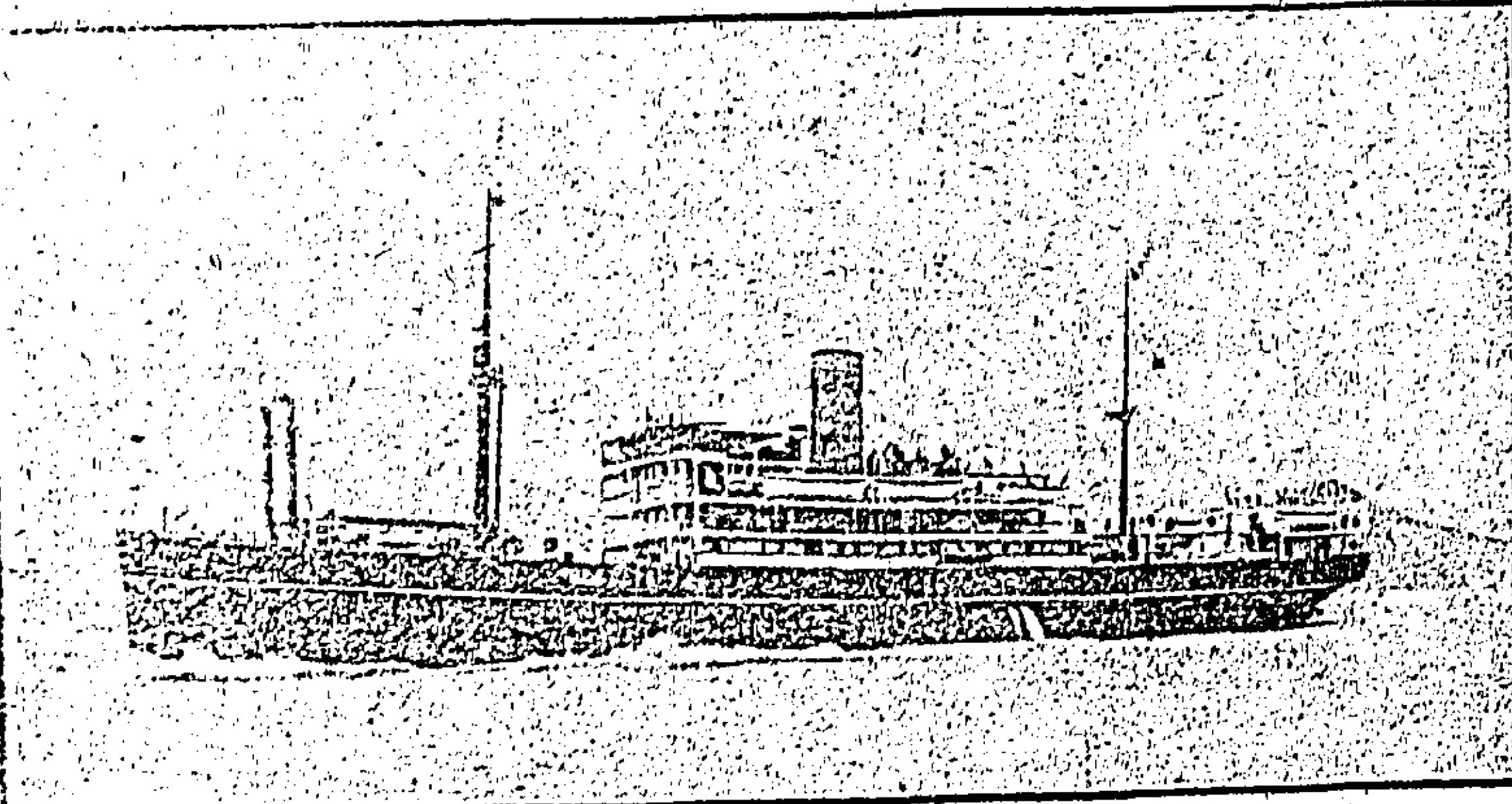
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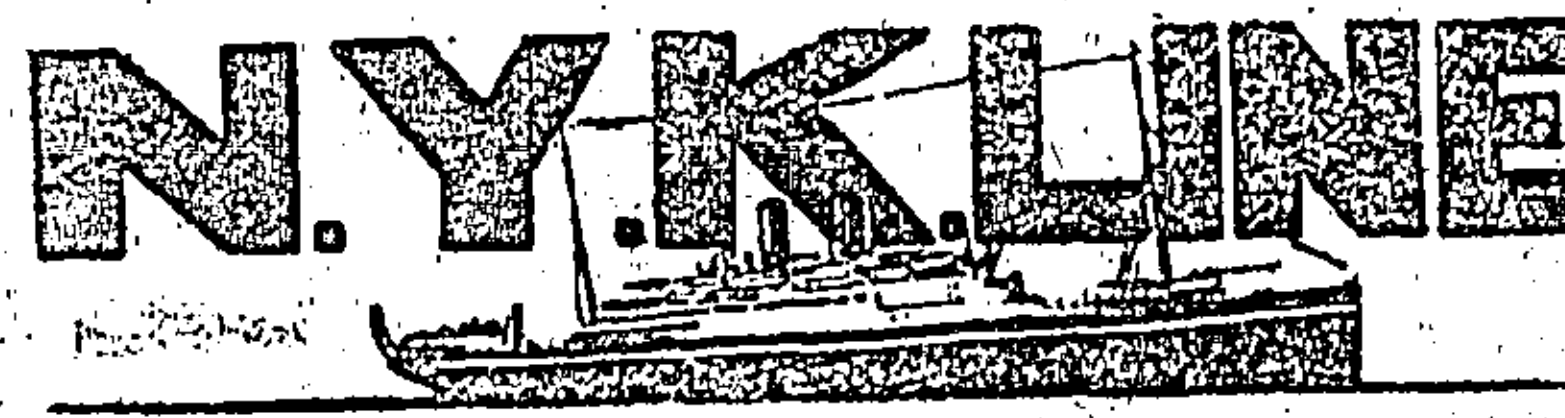
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Malacca Maru ... Monday, 27th Jan

Tamba Maru ... Saturday, 11th Feb

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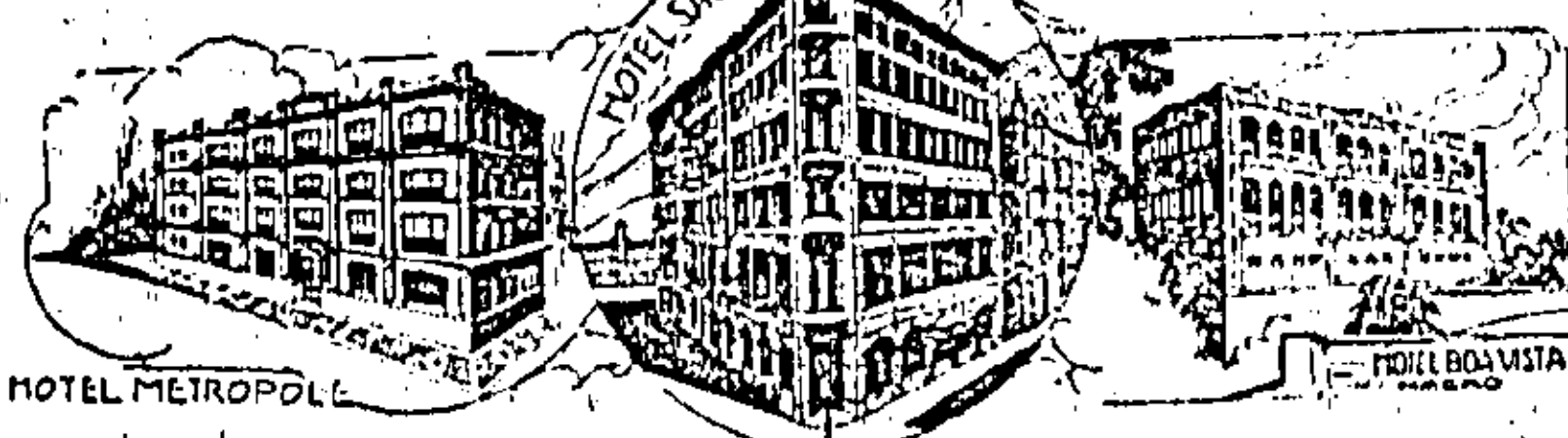
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SHANGHAI CONSUL'S NOTE.

Mr. Edwin S. Conningham, American Consul General in Shanghai, in a communication to the State Department, charges Manila postal employees with being in connivance with Chinese residents in Manila in smuggling mail between Philippine and Chinese ports, causing a loss of revenue to the Insular Government estimated at several thousand dollars a month.

The American Consul in Shanghai urges the taking of steps to stop this practice, pointing out the need for co-operation between Manila postal officials and consular offices in China.

It is stated that ships plying between China and the Philippines have been found to be carrying packages containing hundreds of unstamped letters. Several such cases are cited, among them that of the s.s. Susana II last November, aboard which Amoy postal officials discovered more than 800 unstamped letters.

Mr. Jose Topacio, Director of Posts, admits the existence of mail smuggling between Manila and Chinese ports and cites the seizure recently of 800 unstamped letters on the s.s. Tang Shang from Amoy, which calls at Manila. He said, however, that steps have already been taken to suppress this practice in co-operation with customs officials, but mentions the difficulty of wholly stamping it out.

Mr. Topacio further states that the attention of the Chinese Consul in Manila has already been called to this practice.

CAPITAL REDUCED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Account for the current year and that it is proposed to meet this also by a transfer from general reserve.

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The Company's shares are, as you know, fully paid up and, therefore, as the proposed reduction of capital does not involve any reduction of assets, except in book value, no objection by the Company's creditors is anticipated. This will facilitate the Court in granting the necessary order, confirming the resolution which is to-day put before you and we expect that this formality will have been complied with in time to enable us to put before you at the next annual general meeting a sound balance sheet showing the capital of the Company at a figure more in relation to the market value of its assets.

I now formally move the extraordinary resolution.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. C. Bernard Brown.

Mr. Weall—Before putting to the meeting the resolution proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. C. Bernard Brown which, in order to have effect must be passed by a majority of three-fourths of those present at this meeting, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which you may wish to put to me.

No Questions.

There were no questions and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked shareholders for their attendance and announced that the confirmatory meeting would be held on January 31st.

Those present were—Mr. T. G. Weall, (Chairman), Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. Chan Tong, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. R. L. Bridger, Mr. F. M. Crawford (Directors), Mr. S. J. Jordan, (Secretary) and Messrs. W. Macfarlane, A. Stevenson, D. M. Goodall, J. D. Thomson, C. Bernard Brown, A. W. Brown and T. G. Stokes, shareholders.

JAPAN'S POLITICS.

COMBINATION OF TENANT
FARMERS.

Osaka, Jan. 16.
The conference of the Central Executive Committee of the Union of Tenant Farmers has approved the amalgamation with the Federation of Tenant Farmers preparatory to the General Election which is expected to occur in February.

Joint conference of the two bodies is to be held shortly.—*Reuter.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. Ellis Island. 2. The General Strike in Great Britain. 3. Northern. 4. Ethelwulf (father). 5. Ethelbert. 6. Ethelred (brother). 7. The Bank of England. 8. Pines. 9. Rice, oats, potatoes, sugar-beet. 10. Brandy. 11. A unit of heat, the amount required to raise one gramme of water one degree Centigrade. 12. Gulliver's Travels. 13. Athens, Greece. 14. Carbon dioxide.

HANKOW FEARS.

MARSHAL CHIANG MAY
ATTACK.

MUCH MILITARY ACTIVITY.

Yesterday saw considerable speeding up of military activities in the Wuhan cities, says the *Hankow Central China Post* of Saturday last, drafts being rushed forward to the Hunan front and preparations in full swing for the forwarding of all remaining troops here of the 7th Army.

The apparent reason for the sudden activity seemed to be a report that had been received which indicated that the 13th Army had met with a defeat at Tungshan and Pingkiang. Although no great anxiety was manifest in military circles it was evident that precautions were being taken to strengthen the lines between here and the Hunan border, as the objective of the 7th Army was reported to be Puchi.

Plans For Conference.

A large number of reports and conclusions are prevalent in official circles with regard to the forthcoming conference, and the present position of the party seems to be commonly attributed to the machinations of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

It is generally believed that in order to sweep away as much of the potential resistance to his assumption of office as possible, Marshal Chiang has been negotiating with all military leaders known to be hostile to the military command at Hankow, chief among these being Gen. Yang Sen, Li Ping-shien and Liu Hsin of Hunan.

Efforts seemed to have been made for the formation of a combination of forces strong enough to attack those in the Wuhan cities. This in part explains the rapidly executed moves against Gen. Yang Sen in west Hupah. The knowledge of the plans thus gleaned in advance gave an opportunity to those in command here, with the result that the move against Yang Sen has been successful to such an extent that it will separate him from any possibility of joining forces with the Hunan generals, and has forced him to move his base to a distance too great for him to be a cause of sudden surprise.

Yang Sen Recognises Defeat.

According to information received from military circles the movements have been a complete success, and General Yang Sen has notified the Wuhan authorities that he is withdrawing his troops as fast as he possibly can and is perfectly willing to obey their instructions.

Although there has been no fighting this may certainly be regarded as a victory, as it has removed a powerful menace and left only the force of the recently retired General Tang Seng-chi to deal with, and it is generally considered that the forces under the command of General Pei Chung-hsi are quite sufficient for this purpose.

Tang Seng-chi's Return.

Strong rumours were current yesterday to the effect that General Tang Seng-chi had returned from Japan and had landed at Canton. Inquiries in official quarters however failed to elicit confirmation of this. According to some professing to know that the general had returned, his object was the co-ordinating of the force in Kwangtung and a return through Hunan province to this centre.

Should this prove to be the case and his old armies remain loyal to him he will have as a weapon a very powerful force in the 35th, 36th, and the 8th armies which are still intact and have defied all efforts to dislodge them from Hunan.

PRESENTATION TO MR.
HO IU.CHINESE EXCHANGE FIRMS'
APPRECIATION.

A pleasant ceremony took place on Saturday afternoon at the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange where the members met to express their appreciation of the services of Mr. Ho Iu.

Mr. Ho Iu has been adviser to the Association, and was recently mediator in the impasse that arose out of a corner in gold coin. The Association's appreciation took the form of the presentation to Mr. Ho Iu of a nicely executed portrait of himself.

The spokesmen of the Association voiced their gratitude and Mr. Ho Iu modestly replied, remarking that his services had depended upon the co-operation of the Association.

The Kiangsu was taken in hand at the Taikoo Dock this morning for overhaul and refit.

OUR DAILY TALK ON
HEALTH.

FOUR REASONS WHY CHILD
TELLS LIES.

ERROR OF HARSHNESS

A recent investigation of the reasons for lying by children indicates that the greatest cause is fear; second, a lively imagination; third, fantasy and the desire for mimicry; fourth, weakness of will. A parent who is interested in controlling lying in a child must be able to distinguish from conscious and deliberate deception for a definite purpose and the lie that is merely told as a form of play. Parents should remember that prevention is better than cure and that they always should be careful to be truthful themselves before the child.

Punishment.

It is not wise to exaggerate the importance of lying in the child's imagination by too severe a punishment or by excessive questioning to get at the truth. The child will under such circumstances attach far too much seriousness to the possibilities of what may be accomplished by variation from the truth.

The child is likely to be extraordinarily imaginative, since every day brings to it new and not well understood experiences.

Too often the imagination of the child is repressed because of social taboos or customs. The response of the child is to develop a secret life of fantasy and through this to develop mental habits that may be harmful.

Controlling Mental Life.

The policy of many parents to let the child's mental life go on with little, if any, control, is a serious matter since such lack of control seems to be the basis of twists in the personality.

It is the view of some physicians that a healthy emotional life for a child is based on security in his parents' affections and satisfaction in his own activities. A child who is generally well from a physical point of view and whose emotions of fear, rage and love do not develop excessively is on the right road to a normal type of mentality in adult life.

THE THEOSOPHICAL
SOCIETY.

CONSTITUTION OF MAN.

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, held on Sunday evening at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, Mr. H. E. Lane-part gave an address on "The Constitution of Man."

In the course of his address, Mr. Lane-part said man lives through on earth what we call his life, and at its end, when the physical body is worn out, he reverses the process of descent and lays aside one by one the temporal vehicles he has assumed. The first to go is the physical body; after a brief period, of some 20 years or less in purgatory, the after death state of consciousness, the astral body (or body of passions, desires and emotions) is also dropped, having exhausted itself. The personality finds itself then living in the consciousness of the mental body, in which the stay usually is a long one of several centuries. At last it comes to an end, and the personality casts aside also the mental body and is once more the Ego in his own world. Owing to lack of development, he is as yet but partially conscious in that world, the vibrations of its matter are too rapid to make any impression upon him, just as the ultra-violet rays are too rapid to make any impression upon our eyes on earth. After a rest in the higher world the Ego feels the desire to descend to a level where the undulations are more perceptible to him, in order that he may feel himself fully alive. So he repeats the process of descent into denser matter, and assumes once more a mental, an astral and a physical body. As his previous bodies have all disintegrated, each in its turn, these new vehicles are entirely distinct from them, and thus it happens that in this physical life as a rule man has no recollection of other similar lives which have preceded it on earth.

Mr. Justice Bateson, in the Divorce Court recently, granted a decree nisi to Mr. Arthur Lawrence Bowker, of Hyde-street, Winchester, a solicitor, because of the adultery of his wife, Juliana Wilhelmina Scott Bowker, with Dr. C. Thacker. There was no defence.

Sir Thomas Vansittart Bowater, a former Lord Mayor of London and head of the papermaking firm of W. V. Bowater and Sons, Ltd., has just retired after 45 years in business.

Entertainments

Love, thrills and comedy in a capital adventure story by the author of "Cappy Ricks"—

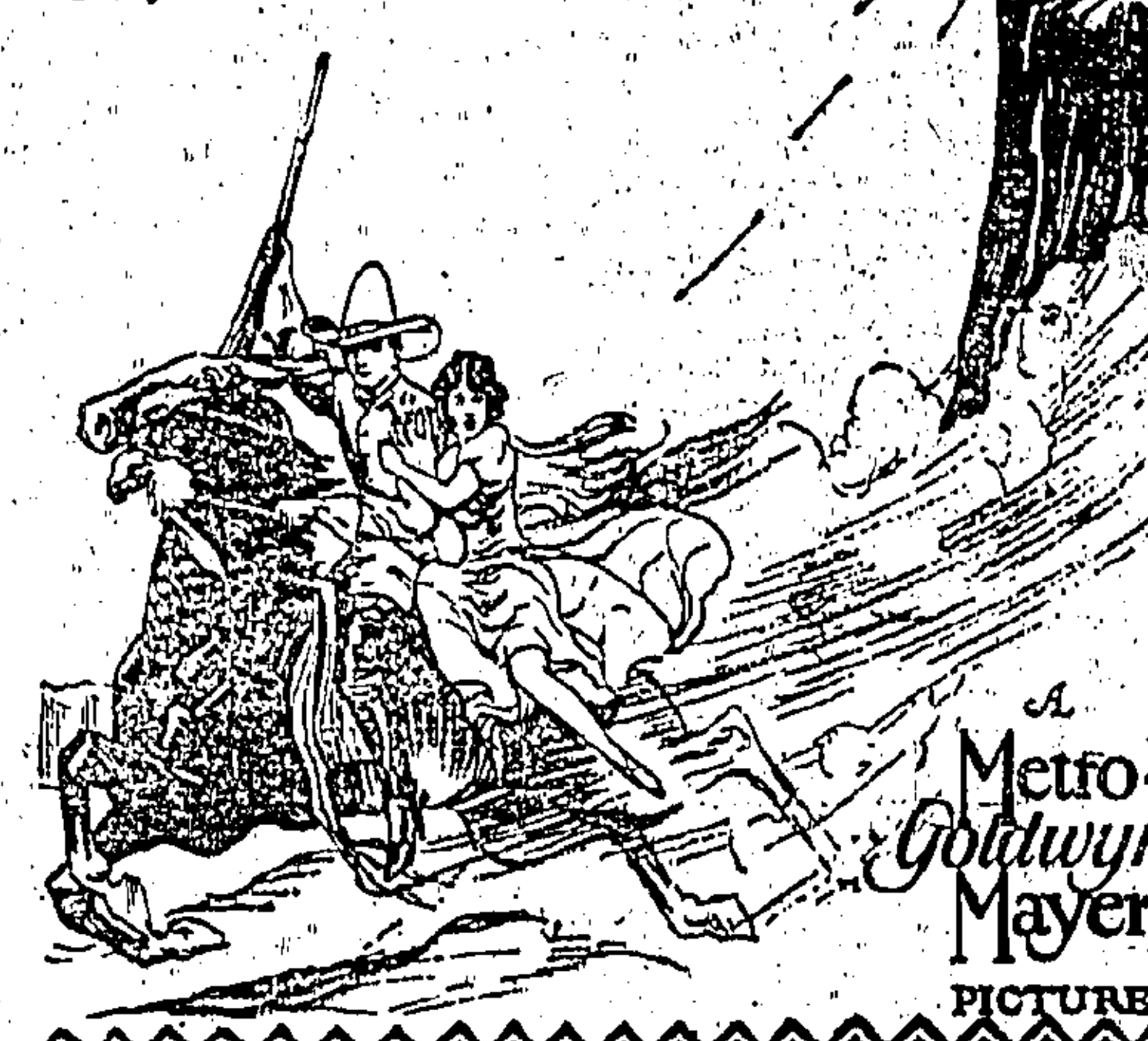
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At 9.15.—THE GLOBE TROTTERS in "PLEASURELAND"